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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

TO-DAY.

(November 21.)

Lawn Bowls, Closing day at Tai Koo.

Cricket:—First Division: Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.), Indian R.C. v. Civil Service (L.), Kowloon Cricket Club v. Craigengower (F.). Second Division: Civil Service v. Indian R.C. (L.), Police v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.), Craigengower v. Kowloon C.C. (F.).

Hockey: Police v. R.A.S.C., 4 p.m.

Football:—Lai Wah Cup: Civilian v. Navy (Kowloon F.C.), 4 p.m. Second Division: R.A. v. University, Navy v. Kowloon Club, Argyle, R.A.O.C. v. S.W.B.

Third Division: Recreation v. R.A.F., R.E. v. R.S.C., S.W.B. v. St. Joseph's.

Queen's Theatre: "Hold Every-thing."

World Theatre: "Emperor Chin Lung travelling Kiang Nam," episode 8 (Chinese film).

Star Theatre: "Lord Byron of Broadway."

King's Theatre: "The Brat."

Central Theatre: "Ladies of Leisure."

Peninsula Hotel, Rose Room

Soup, Dances, Nellie Farren's Troupe, 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Ten Dances at Hong Kong Hotel.

Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

European Mail.—Outward: Europe via Suez (Kashgar) 10.30 a.m.

Tides:—High at 8.20 and 7.50; Low at 12.40 and 12.32.

SUNDAY.

(November 22.)

Last Sunday After Trinity.

Races at Macao.

Golf Championship.

Tennis Tournament at U.S.R.C.

Queen's Theatre: "Hold Every-thing."

World Theatre: "Blood and Tears" (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Children of Pleasure."

King's Theatre: "A Warm Corner."

Central Theatre: "Greek Street."

Ten Dances at King's Restaurant, and Repulse Bay Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotel.

Tides:—High at 7.30 and 8.05; Low at 1.26 and 1.01.

MONDAY.

(November 23.)

Reel Club Practice Dances, Helena May Institute, 5.15 p.m.

Hockey:—Club v. H.K.S.R.A., R.S.C. v. Borderers.

Hong Kong Fencing Club Meet, 5.15 p.m.

Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club Meeting, 5.15 p.m.

P.W.D. Sale of Crown Lands, Queen's Theatre: "Hold Every-thing."

World Theatre: "Blood and Tears" (Chinese picture).

Star Theatre: "Children of Pleasure."

King's Theatre: "A Warm Corner."

Central Theatre: "Greek Street."

Ten Dances at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

Tides:—High at 8.25; Low at 2.10 and 2.30.

THE MODERN SPINSTER.

LADY NOVELIST SAYS SHE GROWS IN POWER.

HIGH SELF-OPINION OF SOME OF THE YOUNGER BACHELORS.

One of the most striking phenomena of our time is, revealed by the Census disclosure that we have in England a record number of unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30, writes Gladys Watts in the London News Chronicle.

For although the Victorian Age had its spinsters and the eighteenth century had its "spinners" in fact, as well as name, it remains for this era to produce an army of unmarried women so large that if they were to combine, they would become an important and considerable force in politics or social life.

The influence of this body in fact is already permeating society.

Many of our social services, such as teaching and nursing, would be sadly handicapped but for this excess of women. And with the extension of education and its responsibilities, it is they who are largely training and bringing up the youth of the next generation.

Instead of Uncles.

It is they, too, if it is safe to generalise from one's own circle of friends who are maintaining the widows of the last generation, who are looking after odd nephews and nieces, who are paying for the education of younger relatives, who are—in short—an integral part of society.

But although this group may claim justification, it is still an open question whether so great a preponderance of unmarried women is not a menace to society.

It has the direct effect of placing a scarcity value on men. And some of the younger bachelors regard themselves, therefore, as having almost the value of precious jewels.

Enforced spinsterhood, however, with or without the social stigma that used to be attached to that position, is hardly a healthy development.

The fading out of the first glow of the Feminist Movement has removed its glory. And whereas ten or twenty years ago it was necessary perhaps for a woman to devote every ounce of energy she possessed to push her way in the world, and to force an entrance into a profession, that condition no longer holds good. So that her spinsterhood is a compulsory evil and not a voluntary sacrifice.

Whether there is any social stigma, nowadays, is difficult to judge. An unmarried woman certainly has to provide more of her own amusement than her married friends. Extra women are not acceptable at parties and social functions. On the other hand, they are mobile units, and have a freedom which is very dear to anyone with a taste for individual development. There is a freedom of mind and body which leaves the soul in peace. No one can turn their day into night or their heaven into hell. They can develop a judgment independent of persons, and a way of life, not hemmed in by other persons, prejudices and principles.

Would these women change their lot? That is the question. Many might, because the problem of providing for the future is almost insoluble. In most cases, it is frankly impossible for women to do more than earn their daily bread—and there is a vast distinction between earning a living and nursing a career.

Which is the Happier

And are they more happy than their married friends?

Judging once more from externals and from one's own small circle, I should say that their outlook on life is calmer and more balanced than that of the married women I know, and their happiness therefore less susceptible to the chill winds of adversity. Would they, I wonder, chase a husband or an annuity of 2500 a year, which, as Virginia Wolff points out, secures a room of one's own and the leisure to develop one's own mental resources?

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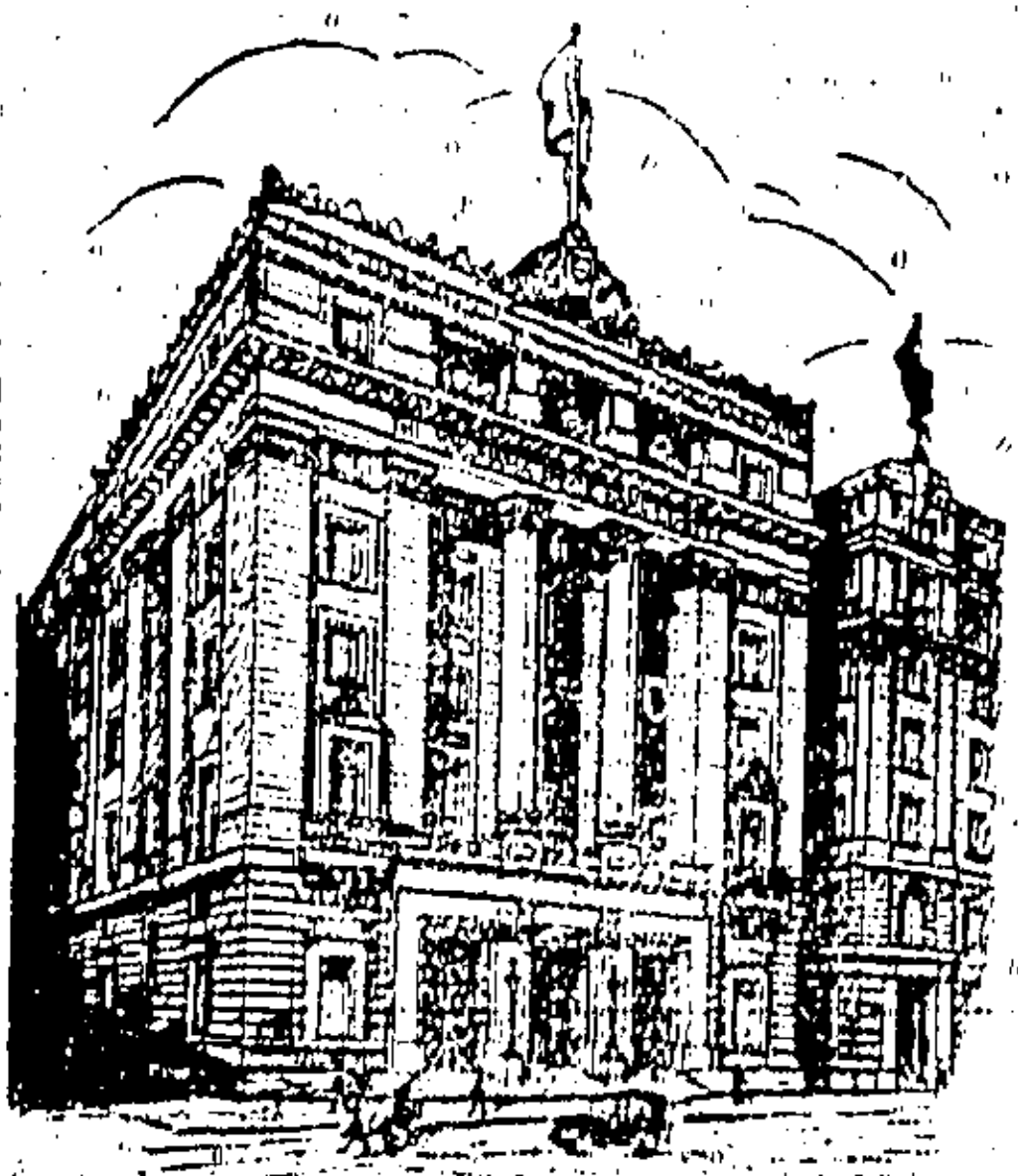
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CANADIAN PACIFIC LINER SETS WORLD'S FUEL CONSUMPTION RECORD.

The advent of the "Empress of Britain," which completed her 2,345-mile maiden voyage from Southampton to Quebec on June 1 in five days, five hours and 42 minutes is arousing greater interest than the entry into service of any other British-built Atlantic vessel since 1914. Not the least inducement to embark on the investment of many millions of pounds in the building of the "Empress of Britain," was provided by the material economies in the cost of propulsion and operation which Mr. John Johnson, the company's chief superintendent engineer, has effected through his new conceptions of high-pressure steam practice. It may be recalled that the "Duchess," passenger steamship of the Canadian Pacific Line attained a fuel economy of .625 lb. of oil per a.h.p. per hour for all purposes, and still more recently the same owners' Gargoyle-lubricated "Empress of Japan" set a world's record of .603 lb. for all purposes. And now, in her trials the new "Empress of Britain," also Gargoyle-lubricated, has shattered that record with a fuel consumption of .57 lb. at the same time bettering her contract speed by 1.52 knots.

The hull of the "Empress of Britain" was built by John Brown & Co., Ltd., of Clydebank. This company also built and installed the main engines, gears, boilers, etc., under Mr. Johnson's supervision.

The vessel is propelled by four screws, each driven by an independent set of single-reduction geared turbines of the Parsons type. The engines driving the two inboard screws are designed to develop two-thirds of the total power, while the engines driving the two outboard screws develop the remaining one-third. In other words, the power of the outboard engines is only one-half of the inboard engines.

A Normal 60,000 S.H.P.

The machinery has been designed to develop normally a total output of 60,000 s.h.p. in order to maintain a speed of 24 knots. If an increase of speed is necessary, an overload power of 84,000 s.h.p. can be maintained for long periods.

The main turbine sets each comprise one high-pressure, one intermediate-pressure and one low-pressure turbine, working in series; and each turbine drives a separate pinion, which engages with the main gearwheel. For astern running, a high-pressure unit is incorporated in the same casing with each of the two intermediate ahead turbines and a low-pressure unit in the exhaust end of each of the two low-pressure ahead turbines of the inner-shaft machinery only. The astern turbines are capable of developing 60 per cent. of the aggregate ahead service power.

Steam Pressures.

The high-pressure turbines are all constructed to withstand a maximum working pressure of 425 lbs. per square inch and an initial steam temperature of 725° F., but they have been designed to develop the service and overload powers when employing steam between the limits of 375 lbs. per square inch (gauge) and 55 lbs. per square inch (absolute), with an initial steam temperature of 700° F.

The high-pressure ahead turbines are of the impulse-reaction type, comprising a two-row "velocity wheel" with blades of stainless steel, and a reaction portion fitted with end-tightened blades of Monel metal. Nozzle control valves are fitted to enable a gradual increase

of power to be obtained, while at the same time maintaining as high a pressure as possible in the control chest for quick operation.

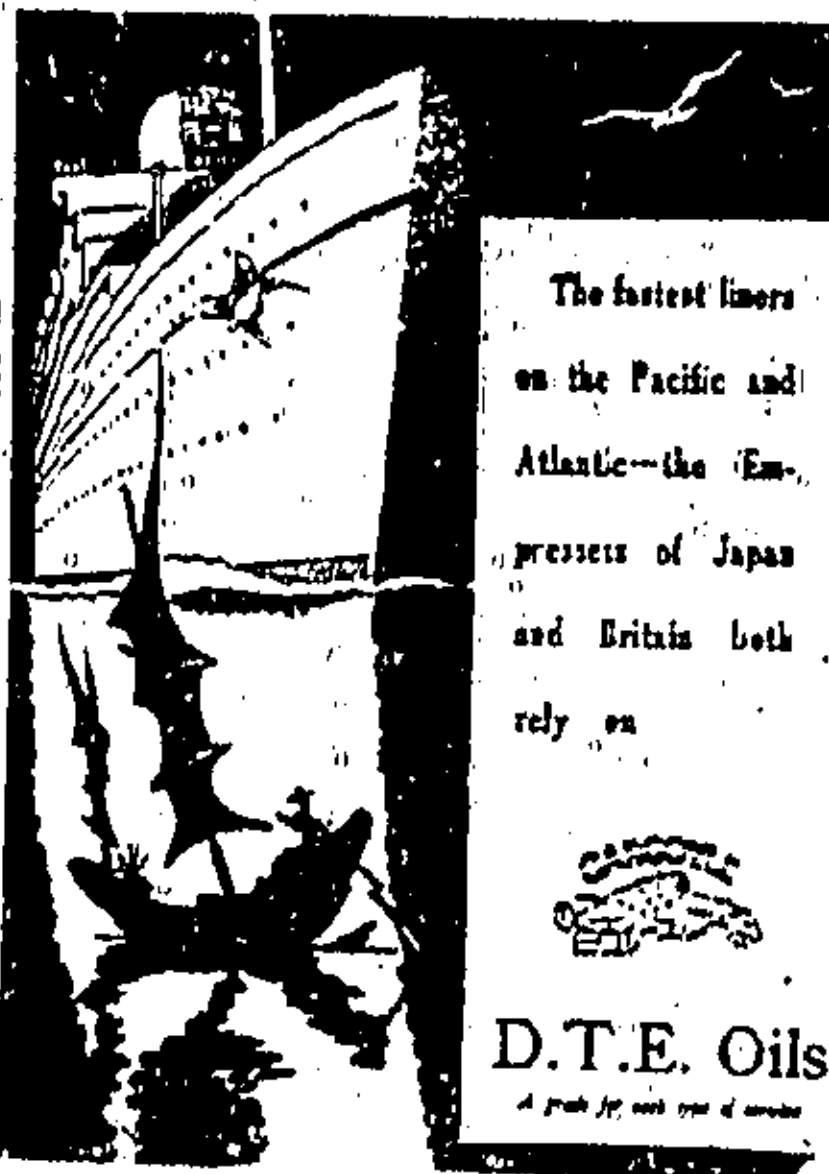
The intermediate-pressure and low-pressure ahead turbines are of the reaction type throughout with end-tightened blades of phosphor bronze.

The high-pressure astern turbines each consist of a three-row impulse wheel, while the low-pressure astern turbines each have two impulse wheels with two rows each, in which the blades are of stainless steel.

To Eliminate Vibration.

To eliminate vibration, all the rotors have been dynamically balanced. The low-pressure ahead turbines are of the double-flow balanced type, and each of the other turbines is fitted with a dummy to reduce the end thrust due to the difference in steam pressure. Michell thrust bearings of the spherical-sealed type are fitted to each rotor to take up any remaining axial thrust.

Owing to the high steam temperature employed, the turbine casings are of cast steel, with the exception of the low-pressure casings, which are of cast iron.



To facilitate the lifting of the upper portions of the turbine casings, the receiver pipes have been connected to the lower halves of the turbines in every case. Emergency connections have been fitted, so that any of the turbines can be cut out if this should be found necessary at any time.

In each set the high-pressure turbine is fitted with an Aspinall patent governor combined with a fore-and-aft indicator and control, while the intermediate-pressure and low-pressure turbines are fitted with fore-and-aft indicators and controls only. With this arrangement, the steam would be shut off in the event of the turbine speed exceeding a certain limit. The fore-and-aft indicators show any axial movement of the turbine rotors; and should the wear on the thrust pads make this movement excessive, the control would then operate and shut off the steam lines to the turbines.

Steam would also be shut off in the event of the oil pressure in the lubricating system dropping unduly.

The Condensers.

The main condensers, which are of the Weir two-flow regenerative type, with a large reservoir at the bottom for storing the water required for the successful operation of the closed-feed system, are along underneath the low-pressure turbines. Each inboard condenser has a cooling surface of 20,700 sq. ft., the tubes being 2 in. in diameter and 14 ft. 6 in. long; while each outboard condenser has a cooling

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ENGINEERING AND RAIL- WAY EXHIBITION.

Under the auspices of the Ministry of the Railways of the Nanking Government, an International Engineering and Railway Exhibition is to be held by Chiao-tung University on the grounds of the University at Zicow, December 12 to 27. The announced purposes of the exhibition is to bring before the Chinese public, and particularly before those engaged in engineering activities and education, the latest developments in engineering, industrial and scientific products, in railway appliances and equipment and in methods of administration.

Space for exhibits, which is being provided without charge, is being allotted and in connection with these exhibits it is announced that gas, electricity and water will be supplied on the University account. A committee of the Faculty of the University is caring for exhibits of manufacturers and industries not represented in Shanghai. General arrangements of the exhibits are under the direction of Mr. Sheng Z. Wang, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the University.

The surface of 9,000 sq. ft. with 2 in. tubes 11 ft. 6 in. long. The tubes for all the condensers are made of cupro nickel.

The Boilers.

The thrust of the propellers is transmitted to the vessel through Michell thrust bearings of the single-collar type, fitted to the main lines of shafting immediately aft of the gearing; and the tunnel shafting is supported by bearings of the Michell pivoted-pad journal type.

The propellers, which are of solid bronze, have diameters of 19 ft. 3 in. and 14 ft. 0 in. for the inner and outer shafts respectively. When developing the normal service power of 60,000 s.h.p., the speeds of the propellers are 150 and 200 r.p.m. and the corresponding speeds of the turbines are 1,365 and 1,795 r.p.m. for the inner and outer shafts, respectively. The reduction ratio, therefore, is about 9 to 1.

The Propellers.

The boiler installation consists of eight oil-fired water-tube boilers of the Yarrow type and one oil-fired water-tube boiler of the Johnson type.

The Yarrow boilers are of the double-flow, side-fired type, having one steam drum, three water drums, and one super-heater drum. The flow of the gases is through both sides of the boiler, after which it passes through a large tubular air heater and thence to the funnel.

The boiler and superheater drums are hollow rolled forgings with ends formed integrally, and represent the latest practice for high-pressure boiler work.

The Johnson boiler consists of two large-diameter drums, placed vertically one above the other and connected to each other by curved tubes which are arranged longitudinally and across the ends in such a manner that the combustion space is almost entirely enclosed by water tubes. In addition, there is a wall of water tubes along the centre of the boiler, which divides the combustion space into two separate compartments. This arrangement of tubes provides for a considerably larger amount of tube surface exposed to radiant heat than in other types of marine water-tube boilers.

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Supreme Vortex and Tangential steam dryers have been fitted to the boilers. Each main boiler is fitted with two automatic feed regulators, one of the Weir and the other of the Mumford type, while Parry soot-blowers are also provided. In order to give the alarm when the water in the boilers falls below a predetermined level, Mumford low-water alarm gear has been installed.

In the forward boiler room there are also two cylindrical boilers of the return-tube type for domestic and other auxiliary purposes. These boilers are arranged to burn oil fuel with the Howden system of forced draft, and are designed for a working pressure of 200 lbs. per square inch.

The oil-fuel pumping and heating installation is of the Wallend-Howden type.

ILLUMINATION OF LONDON.

SUCCESSFUL FLOOD- LIGHTING EXPERIMENT.

One hundred years after Michael Faraday made his successful experiment in the production of electricity from magnetism, London was illuminated by flood lighting in honour of the International Illumination Congress held there in the first week in September. Those responsible for this novel experiment in lighting could hardly have realised what the effect would be. They were, no doubt, able to judge the effect of the flood lighting upon individual buildings, but everyone was surprised and delighted with the panorama of London's many great edifices illuminated on a mild summer's evening.

Fine Spectacles.

It was a fine spectacle and it gave delight to immense crowds of spectators. Bridges and parks were thronged, and on the high vantage spots of Hampstead Heath there was a great congregation of people. No such crowds have been seen in London since the day on which the Armistice was signed after the Great War. Under a clear sky and in the moderate darkness buildings stood out clearly in their bath of strong electric light. The magnificent tower of the Houses of Parliament could be seen in minute detail against the background of night. Westminster Abbey was surrounded by a soft radiance which impressively showed its fine lines and sombre dignity. Buckingham Palace was one of the most beautiful sights of all. The experiment showed that London contained innumerable surprise and delights, even for its own inhabitants, of whom hundreds of thousands stood for hours contemplating what was perhaps the most remarkable display of illumination ever staged.

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In special circumstances, such as the lighting of landing-places at aerodromes, lamps of 10,000 and even 20,000 watts have been developed. Generally the higher concentration of these powerful units leads to a marked increase in illuminative efficiency, and it is claimed that a 3,000 watt lamp gives 60 per cent. greater efficiency than one of 60 watts.

It is now stated that lamps of the order of 50,000 watts have been developed. There are obvious problems attaching to these large designs, as with a 50 kilowatt lamp at 220 volts the necessary 230 amperes present some difficulty in the leading-in wires, the metal parts becoming very hot. The tungsten filament is of wire 2.5mm. thick, weighing 610 grams, and wound as a spiral 10.6mm. in diameter. This quantity of tungsten would suffice for many thousands of lamps of the 30 watt type.

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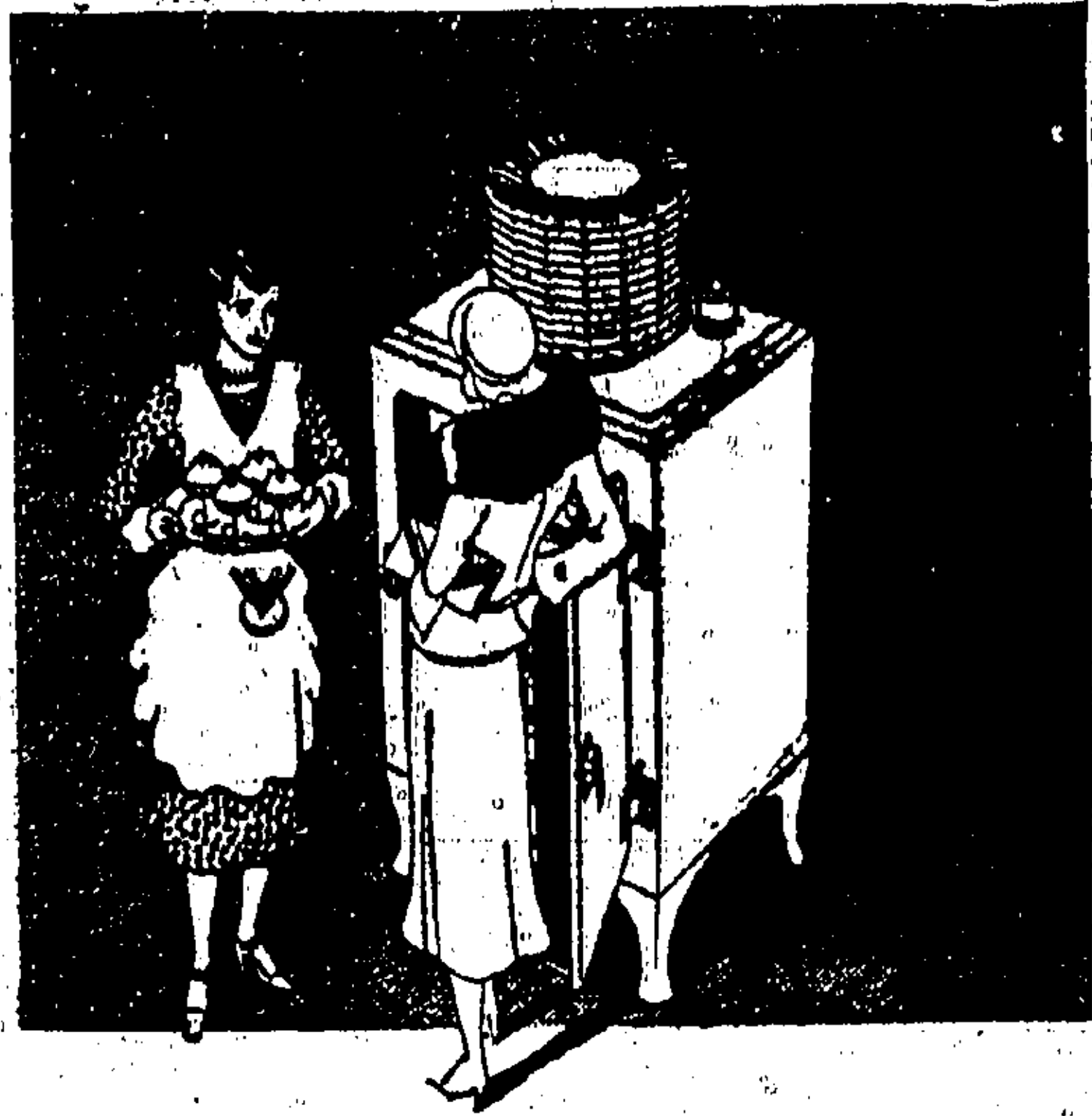
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MANCHESTER'S NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

THE ARCHITECTURE.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE DESIGN.

During the last fifty years few architectural problems have passed through so many stages of development as the planning of schools. From the Victorian grammar school to its present-day counterpart is a far cry. Not only has the range of subjects taught been greatly extended, making it necessary to provide accommodation and equipment not even thought of in the past, but the educational emphasis, the importance given to particular subjects, has altered. Where previously used to be given to the classrooms devoted to the teaching of these rather arbitrarily restricted elements of what was called a liberal education, and where science and art, the manual crafts, and physical culture were wont to be relegated to inadequate annexes, fortunate indeed if any specific provision were made for them at all, to deny these latter subjects are held to deserve the most generous accommodation. Again, the aspects of classrooms, the means by which they are ventilated, these and other vital points are now fully appreciated as they used not to be, and the consequences are to be seen in the open and extended planning typical of most recently built schools in England. All these factors have, in short, combined to affect profoundly the traditional building program.

The Architects' Opportunity.

In the new Manchester Grammar School the full complexity of a modern day school is exhibited on a scale for which not many parallels can be found. Here grouped in one great composition are buildings in which every aspect of school activity is represented and in which the parts of the whole are so skilfully related that not only is every practical need met without apparent difficulty, but the architectural expression is extraordinarily satisfying. If the site offered to architects an opportunity, it should be said that Dr. Percy Worthington and Mr. Francis Jones have known how to take full advantage of it. They have disposed their buildings around three quadrangles at the northeast corner of the site adjoining Birchfields Park, and by so doing have ensured the most spacious setting for them.

The open land, amounting to some thirty acres or more, thus freed for use as playing fields on the south and west of the school is separated from the park on the north by nothing more than a minor road. In effect, therefore, the school is on three of its sides surrounded by ample grounds, parts of which are wooded. Only beyond the east and south boundaries do regrettable

buildings obtrude themselves. On the east side can be seen the too typical houses of a Corporation suburb, whilst strung along Old Hall Lane are a series of semi-detached villas where, one feels, a crescent of well-designed houses occupied by members of the school staff would have fittingly completed the main scheme. In both cases, however, trees can no doubt be planted inside the grounds to mask out these features which, as long as they can be seen in relation to the school, contrast unfavourably with it.

One of the best positions for appreciating the skill with which the school buildings are composed is in Old Hall Lane on the axis of the main approach. Directly ahead, the centre block of the main group rises from a wide low terrace. With its great central arch and high, widely spaced windows this block by its breadth and simplicity dominates the whole of the south front. On either side of the block extend symmetrical portions of the two-storied buildings enclosing the main quadrangle, to the east again an arcade, and, beyond that, the group which comprises the gymnasium and swimming-bath, both the latter being one story only in height. To unify this assemblage of structures so varied in purpose, shape, and size, has demanded exceptional powers of design, but these have been accomplished and accomplished with distinction. By using the same material throughout—a small South Country brick with subtle variations of tone—a warm uniformity of colour has been obtained everywhere; at the same time a flexible but consistent scale has been maintained in the elevations as a whole.

The Main Quadrangle.

Behind the axial archway of the centre block an arched and barrel-vaulted passage admits to the main quadrangle, around which are ranged on the ground floor the administration and class rooms, the library, and the museum, whilst on the first floor of the centre block is the drawing hall. The traditional courtyards of the English collegiate court are employed in this quadrangle with delightful effect. The series of round-headed windows lightings the rooms and corridors on the ground floor, the rectangular windows above them, and, surmounting these, the roof of rich brown tiles combine to achieve a result of quiet and unassuming dignity. No dramatic feature asserts itself to break the ordered rhythm of the facades. Above the entrance to the quadrangle is a small cupola carrying the clock presented by the Receiver of the School, and this point of emphasis is re-echoed on the opposite side of the court by a belfry which is crowned by an amusing weather-vane of original form. A small schoolboy sits astride one end of the horizontal bar of the vane, at the other a schoolmaster in cap and gown flourishes a birch and seems about to swoop down upon the little figure facing him. A school which permits its architects to indulge in a fancy of this kind must be informed by a refreshing spirit.

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The executives of the eastern railways announced that after many conferences officials of the Pennsylvania System, the New Central, Baltimore and Ohio and the Nickel Plate System reached an agreement which will be forwarded to the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington. It recommends modification in the Commission's grouping plan but it provides for consolidations of the sort supported by President Hoover.

ARTISTIC DESIGN IN CONCRETE.

THE GREAT VIADUCT AT LOS ANGELES.

One of the most artistic structures yet erected in reinforced concrete, the great viaduct in Los Angeles, has just been completed. It carries a roadway over several streets, two railways and the Los Angeles River.

For crossing the waterway an arch span of 254 feet was provided to give an uninterrupted channel. To clear the railway tracks, a series of girder arches, 63 feet in the clear, were used; and the soffits of these girders, near the river, were cambered to give the appearance of very flat arches to harmonize with the arched sections of the viaduct, which include the river arch and a series of flat arches over the streets.

These street arches are rigid frames with vertical legs and curved top beams. The importance of the river arch, as the central figure of the viaduct, had to be emphasised, and this was done by erecting pylons, extending over forty feet above the street level at each end of that section.

The Vertical Motif.

The bridge engineer states that because of the different types of structural design used, it was felt advisable to divide the structure into different parts by emphasising the vertical elements at the main abutments separating the different sections. This accentuation of vertical lines was carried into the handrail, providing a vertical motif instead of the horizontal emphasis naturally produced by a succession of horizontal elements.

It was in the determination of these essential features that the architectural treatment of the structure as a whole was developed. The vertical lines of Gothic work were simplified into a severely plain treatment, quite in keeping with the massive concrete structure to be embellished.

It is interesting to note that the pre-cast concrete panels of the balustrade, while expressing Gothic ornament, were designed to facilitate quantity production, and the vertical elements are carried up into the ornamental bases of the pre-cast concrete lighting standards. The lanterns are designed to harmonise with the remainder of the structure and yet carry ornamentation almost to the point of elaboration. The lanterns are of cast aluminium, which has a better appearance than bronze, and are the first viaduct lighting standards to be made of that metal.

The Form Work.

Mr. Merrill Butler, engineer of the concrete work states that the viaduct, whether cast in place or pre-cast, has been left with the natural concrete surface. No surfaces are plastered, but they have, in certain places, been smoothed with carbide-grinder grinders operated by compressed air. A very high quality of concrete was used, the average strength of 214 samples tested being 3,711 lbs. per square inch under compression at twenty-eight days.

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So far as the concrete is concerned, rather more attention than usual was paid to small details. Every care was taken to avoid segregation of materials, which would have resulted in honeycombing, water-gain near the top of the pour, and a far from uniform concrete. Attention was also paid to the water content, the architects allowing only six gallons of water to the sack of cement, that figure including any water carried in the sand or aggregate.

During the placing of the concrete, it was well spaced along the top of the forms to drive out air pockets, and to consolidate the mass. Where possible the concrete was poured into the forms in fairly small quantities, every layer being well tamped before the next was poured. Had that precaution not been taken, it is probable that the lines of an irregular pour would have shown when the timber work was removed, and their removal might have been an expensive matter. The construction joints also required, and received, special attention.

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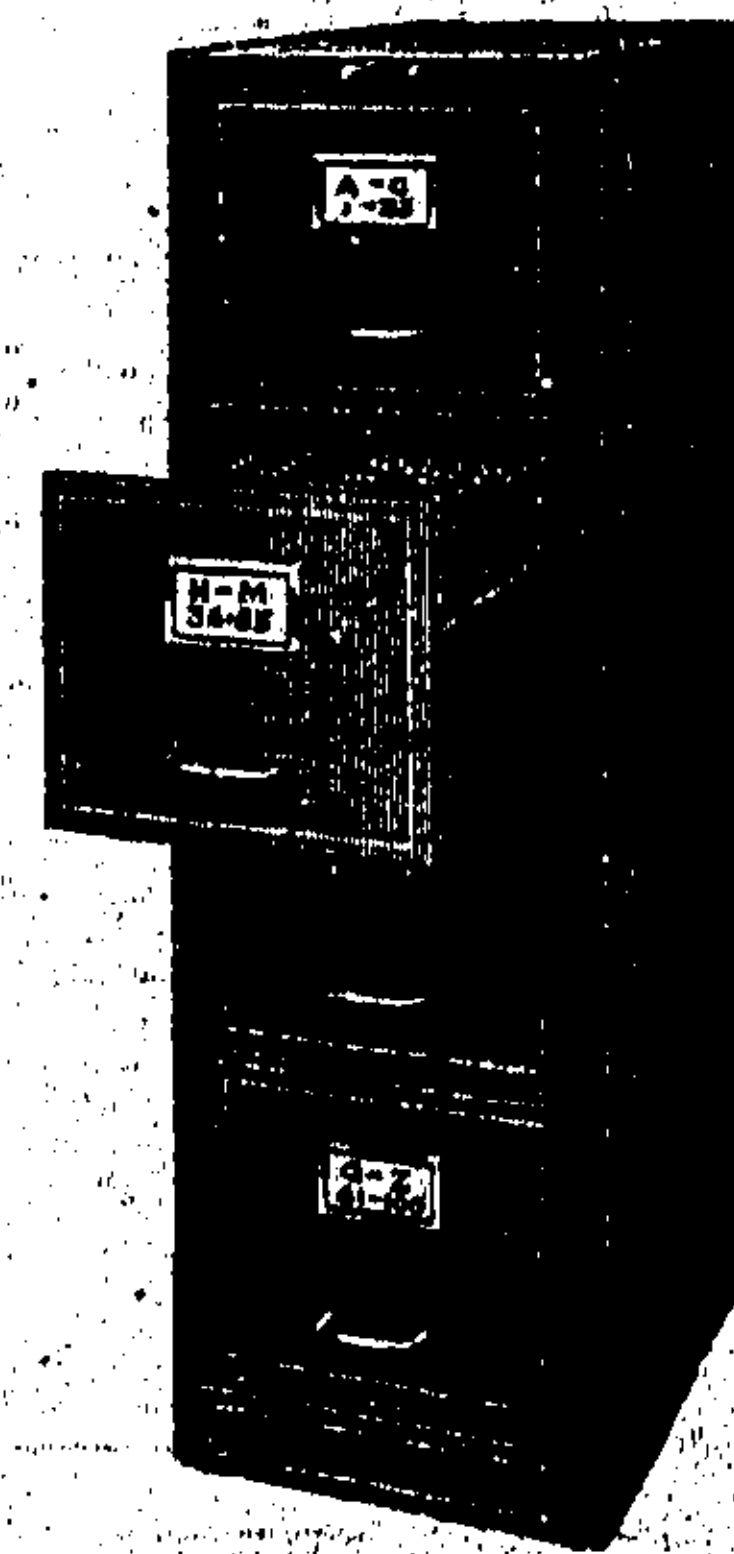
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"A WARM CORNER."

One of the outstanding screen comedies of this, and many years, "A Warm Corner" comes to the King's Theatre on Sunday.

This comedy—a British production adapted from the stage play recently at Prince's Theatre, London, sets out to tickle the risible faculties of audiences, and it does so with a gusto and a success that leave the spectator panting.

This is not to be wondered at since the chief fun-maker is Leslie Henson, perhaps our premier comedian. Henson's face plays in the picture in a hundred gestures and movements, and his clever use of his voice keeps the merriment at top note. One scene in particular, his panicky attempt to get a telephone number quickly, is a perfect joy to watch. He is supported by a band of brilliant artists, including Connie Edison, Austin Melford and Heather Thatcher.

The comedy is broad and never subtle, and the play simply sparkles with witty snatches. Best of all, the picture gets clean away from the worst fault of "talkies," their static quality. "A Warm Corner" is dynamic. It rushes along in a constant stream of action, with frequent changes of scene.

As a rule the story of such productions does not count much. But the story of "A Warm Corner" keeps one keenly interested all the time. Briefly, it is the tale of a wealthy corn-plaster maker, named Corner, who leaves his obese and middle-aged wife, and steals off, for a gay time, to the Lido. There he gets entangled in a love affair, and bolts home. But his sins, in the shape of his Lido acquaintances, come trooping after him, one by one, and with each arrival the very warm Mr. Corner finds the temperature rising.

This is just a bare outline of a comedy which is one of the very best of the brilliant group of British comedy productions which have recently put the British studios definitely on the "movie" map.

An Ideal-Gainsborough Picture, directed and adapted by Victor Saville, from the play by Arthur Wing Pinero and Lauris Elyie, it is most certainly a picture to see.

LADIES OF LEISURE.

"Ladies of Leisure," the Columbia all-talking drama of New York night life with Barbara Stanwyck, Lowell Sherman and Ralph Graves, opened at the Central Theatre Thursday night. Frank Capra, the director who turned out such films as "Submarine" and "Flight," handled the megaphone. The film is an adaptation of a David Belasco stage play by Milton Herbert Gropper.

The story is not a complex one. It proves the theory that a woman being trimmed with sable. Another



Irene Purcell in "Greek Street" A Warner Bros. Production

de soi, and trimmed with peach silk lace in applique motif. The skirt its exceptionally full, the fullness being acquired through godets running the full length from hem to waistline.

Miss Collyer also wears a beautiful black lace gown with this she wears diamond ornaments and her hair is held in place with diamond clips. Then there is a black and white crepe street ensemble, with which she wears a black and white "Empire" felt.

Virginia Cherrill wears a smart black velvet formal gown with a wrap of white velvet and an afternoon frock of apricot silk lace. Over the latter she wears a bright red velvet wrap. She is seen in a smartly tailored riding costume and a beige woolen frock with chocolate brown jacket.

Both girls wear some most attractive pajamas during the course of the play which is heaping laurels upon the brow of little Sally O'Neil, and all other members of the cast, for that matter, including Frank Albertson, Allan Dinehart, William Collier, Sr., and Mary Forbes. John, directed the production, which is the talking screen's version of Maud Fulton's popular stage play of the same name.

GREEK STREET.

The Soho beloved of novelists and romantics serves as a background for an entertaining romantic talkie, "Greek Street," which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow.

"Greek Street," atmosphere is redolent of the brighter side of London's night life, tells the story of a homeless little girl, who is befriended by the young Italian proprietor of a little cafe. In gratitude, for his kindness she sings in the little cafe at night time.

Her reputation as a singer spreads and an unscrupulous rouse and cabaret producer invites her to appear in a big cabaret show. The between him and the girl has the effect of hastening her decision to Italian boy protests and a quarrel sign a contract with the cabaret producer.

Thereafter the story pursues its way. The girl repulses the advances of the rouse and is helped in this by an elderly baronet. Finally, of course, the lovers are happily united as happens in all the best stories.

Sari Maritz, a charming young actress, is the feminine star, and her appearance in this film will bring her into public favour. William Freshman, a handsome youngster, is the hero, while the parts of the rouse and the elderly baronet are played by Martin Lewis and Bert Coote respectively.

Those witnessing the film will certainly be pleased with the many tuneful numbers which, with the romance, the happy comedy of Bert Coote and the atmosphere of London's night life together constitute a very bright, entertaining and popular talkie.

JUST A GIGOLO.

William Haines, who has done almost every other form of athletics in pictures, made his debut as a steeplechase rider, and contributed a few sensational leaps on horseback during filming of "Just a Gigolo," his latest comedy romance which is showing on Tuesday at the Queen's Theatre. The



Joe E. Brown in "Hold Everything" A Warner Bros. Production

trick riding was done on a location near Los Turas Lake. Haines' role in the picture is that of a British sportsman, hence the riding activities. Haines has long been known as one of the most versatile performers on the screen, having been coached in the intricacies of baseball, football, the driving of automobiles racers and numerous other sporting activities.

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Miss Lya de Putti, the vivacious Hungarian film star, is involved in a dispute with the U.S. immigration authorities. When she landed at New York after staying in Havana she was stopped on the ground that her passport had expired.

Miss de Putti strongly protested, contending that she had only been to Havana for a holiday.

Miss de Putti, a brunette of aristocratic birth, is the widow of Count Louis Christianson, a former member of the staff of the Swedish Embassy in Berlin. She was at one time premier danseuse in classical Russian ballet at the Winter Garden, Berlin.

AN INTERVIEW
WITH MAURICE
CHEVALIER.

BY DAVE KEENE.

There's one thing about Maurice Chevalier that makes him stand out from his fellows. You can hear him coming. I visited the Paramount New York studio one afternoon at the time Ernst Lubitch was directing "The Smiling Lieutenant." As we descended into the depths of the labyrinth of stage I heard the inimitable chanteur singing "Hello Beautiful" from around a corner.

I stopped and awaited his arrival. He was dressed in the uniform of an Austrian lieutenant, blue coat with three silver stars on the collar, grey trousers with black stripes, and a magnificent sword. Although he looks exceedingly well in military clothes, I learned that he doesn't quite relish appearing in them, because they are more or less stiff and formal. Even a tuxedo wins preference with Maurice over a militaristic get-up.

How He Has Changed.

As he approached and shouted a "hello" I took a hasty survey of the man and compared him with a Chevalier I knew a year ago after his "Innocents of Paris" or the Chevalier I knew five years ago in Paris at the time when he was appearing in "Paris en Fleurs," the French musical. He retains, I found, his buoyant quality, his infectious charm is apparent even before he has a chance to speak. But where his work is concerned the old devil-may-care attitude has disappeared.

This impressed me with the fact that being internationally famous is not quite what it is popularly supposed to be. The weight of curiosity and adulation hangs heavy on a star's head. In Chevalier's case it has made him increasingly anxious to please his huge public, nevertheless, I was struck with his obvious good health and cheerful spirits.

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"HOLD EVERYTHING."

LAUGHS AND FIGHTS AT THE
"QUEEN'S."

"Hold Everything," which opened yesterday at the Queen's Theatre, is one of the funniest comedies ever screened. With Winnie Lightner and Joe E. Brown in the leading roles, delivering the clever dialogue, there is a riot of laughter from start to finish.

And it brings us intimate views of George Carpentier, the famous French boxer who gave the redoubtable Jack Dempsey such an interesting afternoon a few years ago. Not only are we shown the training activities of Carpentier in preparing for a fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, but we see the battle itself, with all the feverish excitement that attends such affairs.

Winnie Lightner, a recent recruit from the stage, "gets over" a most magnetic personality in the leading feminine role, and proves an admirable foil for Joe E. Brown, who impersonates a "dub" prizefighter in a manner that brings a constant succession of laughs. Sally O'Neil, as the sweetheart of Carpentier, is capable and altogether charming, while other good characterizations are supplied by Edmund Breese, Dorothy Revier, Jack Curtis, Bert Roach and others.

There is a wealth of beautiful settings in "Hold Everything," and the director has produced a picture which may well take its place as one of the outstanding successes of the current season.

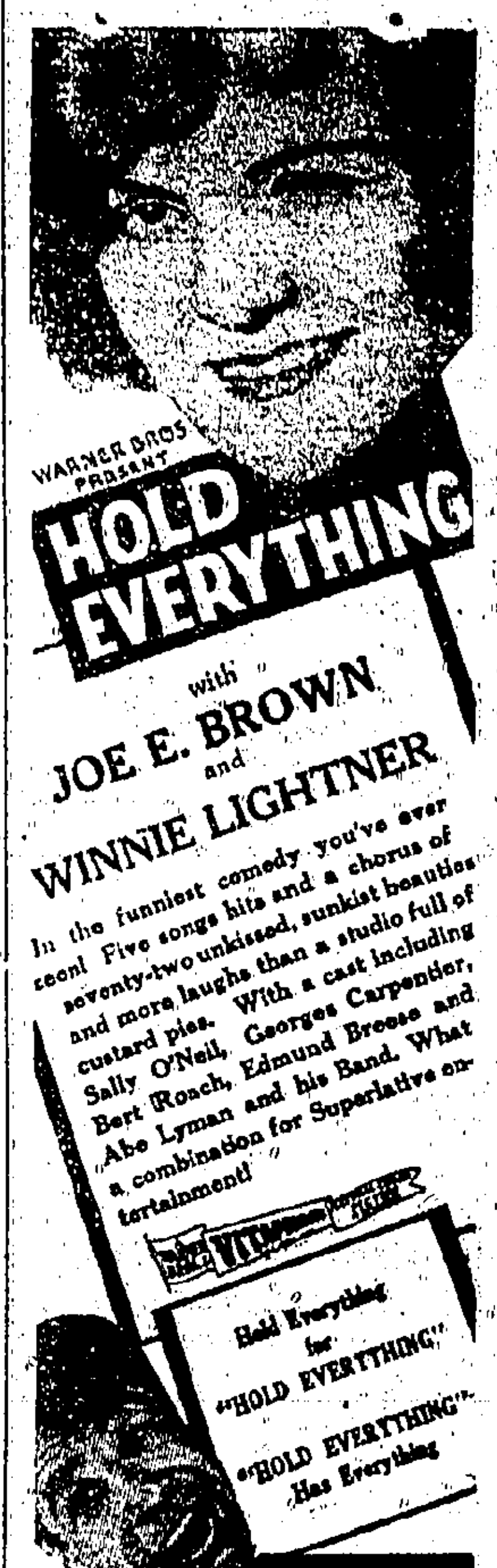
JASCHA HEIFETZ.

AND HIS VIOLINS.

Jascha Heifetz and his wife, who was Florence Vidor, the famous Paramount film star, arrive on the 3rd of December. They are stopping over for one day in the Colony, en route to Manila and the Straits Settlements. Mr. Heifetz will give one concert at the King's Theatre on December 4th at 8.30 p.m. His programme will consist in the main of the works of such famous composers as Schubert, Lola, Vitali, Ravel, Debussy-Hoffmann, others Mr. Heifetz will be accompanied on the piano by Mr. Isadora Achron.

This is the third world tour of Mr. Heifetz, and there are many musical devotees in the Colony who will remember his previous tour in 1923, and the concert he gave here in 1927.

Jascha Heifetz is the owner of one of the world's few remaining Stradivarius violins, and also owns a Guarnerius which insured for U.S.\$25,000.

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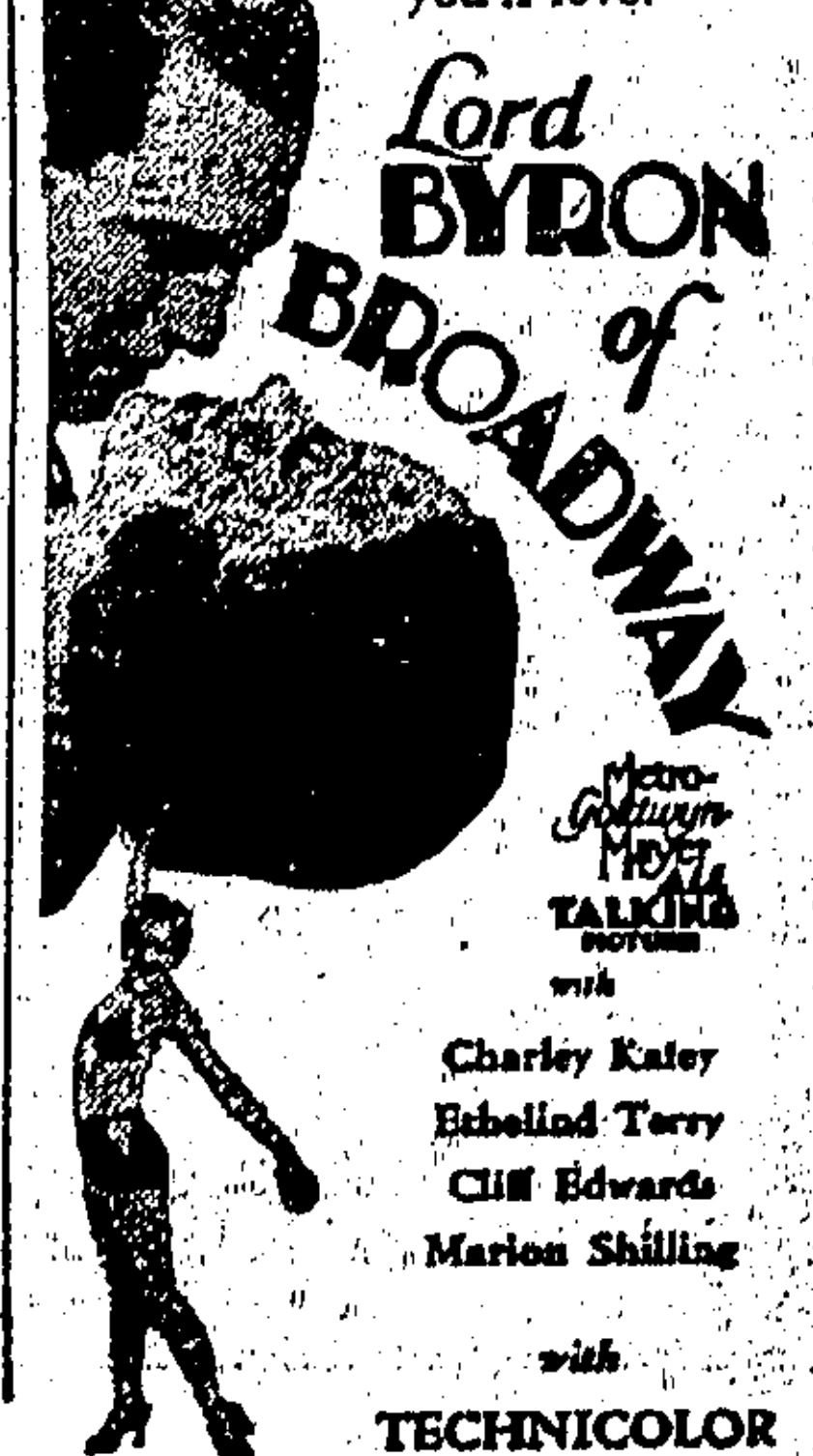
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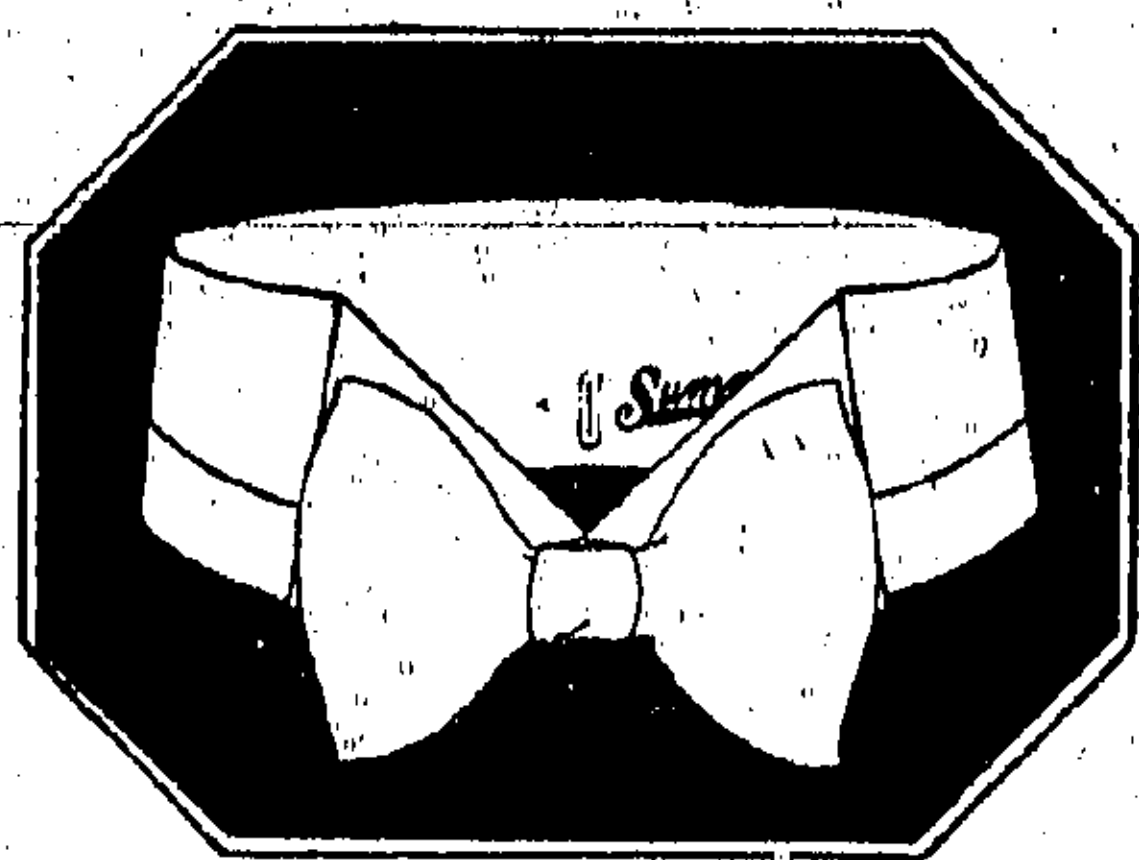
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"A WARM CORNER."

A BRITISH PRODUCTION
FEATURING LESLIE
HENSON.

[BY A FORMER CO-MUMMER.]

I wonder if the foregoing title, announcing that at the King's Theatre to-morrow will be shown one of the best "talkies" that Britain has so far produced, conveys all that it should to the residents of the Colony?

I wonder if it is realised that "A Warm Corner," if not the funniest, is certainly one of the outstanding comedies produced on the London stage? It is a comedy, practically a farce, which, owing to its enormous success, had a very prolonged run; playgoers in London were booking seats at 12/6 and 15/- each some four months ahead during the run. This was for the stage production, but the producer (giving of his best) was slightly hampered owing to lack of stage space.

Imagine then the infinite possibilities permitting a producer to "spread himself" in making "A Warm Corner" into a talkie, and Victor Saville, who directed the production, has certainly taken full advantage of these possibilities.

His Old Company.

His greatest triumph, however, in connection with this talkie comedy is in having secured all the original players, with one exception, of the stage production for his screen version. This band of players includes Leslie Henson. Can more be said than this to prove that a comedy or farce is a success? It is fifteen years, I think, since Leslie Henson first came to the fore and was voted "King of Comedians," a somewhat king certainly, except for occasional laural wreaths, but a king nevertheless. And as theatre-goers saw him then, so they see him now, for despite the passing of years Henson to-day is still the clever Henson of yesterday with the exception that, if anything, he has improved as a mirth provoker. He reached the pinnacle of his career some years ago; he is still at the pinnacle.

A Personality on the Westfront.

I know of no other stage artist who has achieved this—keeping his audience and being acclaimed England's premier comedian for such a number of years. What is the secret of this little man's success? A thorough knowledge of his art, hard work, and a marvelous personality. I say this as one who had the pleasure of meeting and working with Leslie Henson during the latter months of the World War. He was then O.C. Concert Parties in France with the rank of lieutenant. Running his own show—the famous 5th Army Concert Party (most of the members of which were the pick of the variety stage at home) he also superintended all the other well-known shows, "Splinters," etc., which, touring the different areas, helped more than their members realised towards the ultimate victory of the Allies.

Friend of the Tommies.

Henson was then at the top of the tree in his profession, and the man at the wheel as far as his Company were concerned. He was the idol of the troops from the "C" in C. down to the youngest Tommy. Although holding minor rank he commanded Generals when arranging his shows, and with it all he remained the most humble of soldiers; his friends were the Tommies more than the officers. On arriving at a town with his show and learning that a battalion had just come down from the front line, he would immediately arrange a special performance for them. He personally supervised the "booking" and saw that every private soldier had a seat. Many of the friendships he made in those distant days he still retains.

"We're Both in the Army."

In connection with his various friendships I remember a pleasing little incident which happened whilst we were together at M... This well-known town was then the late Sir Douglas Haig's Headquarters. A rather pompous and snobbish major, connected with a famous institution doing good work for the fighting forces, button-holed Henson one day and queried his (Henson) being pally with an R.A. Driver (incidentally the driver was Henson's lorryman and had charge of the "props" transferring them from one area to another). Henson and the driver were often together, visiting the institution for the odd cup of coffee almost daily. The remark that the Major made was to the effect that Henson, the artist, had nothing in common with the lorry driver who was obviously a labourer in ordinary life. Back came Henson's rejoinder "Nothing in common? Why we've everything in common. We're both in the army, aren't we?" And this reply sums up Henson during his career.

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LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED.

SENTENCE AGAINST TAILOR
CRITICISED BY SOLICITOR.

Leave to appeal was granted by Mr. J. A. Fraser at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday when Mr. Horace Lo sought permission to do so in the case in which a Shanghai tailor was sentenced to 14 days hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch last week for assaulting Mrs. P. Hawes of Prince Edward Road.

It will be remembered that in the initial hearing Mrs. Hawes stated that there had been some dispute over a piece of work with which she had entrusted the mar. and following some words exchanged, the defendant pushed her. The latter, however, denied this and said that the complainant agreed to pay him \$2.50 for the work but when this was completed she gave him only \$1.

In making the application Mr. Lo said that one of the parties in the case must have told an untruth and he submitted it was not his client. Even if his client was guilty of what was alleged against him—pushing Mrs. Hawes—he was guilty of only petty assault and he had never before come across a case in which anybody had been sent to prison with hard labour in addition to being whipped, without the option of a fine, for such an offence.

The Magistrate remarked that he was perfectly willing to grant Mr. Lo leave to appeal to a higher tribunal as a matter of fact, he would be glad. In the interests of the defendant, however, had Mr. Lo considered the cost if the case was taken to the Court of Appeal. Would it not be better to settle the case in a lower Court.

Mr. Lo: I have no further instructions, your Worship. I shall see my client about that.

Meanwhile, defendant was allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000.

as a soldier, and I think, throughout his entire career as an actor. The stories concerning him, and those he tells against himself, are legion. Unfortunately I have space to relate only two.

Mix-up With a Bishop.

A well-known London hostess arranging an "At Home" wrote to a friend of hers asking her to attend the party, mentioning at the same time the different people who were to be present. Amongst these the lady read "Leslie Henson." The lady decided to go to the "At Home" and at the same time give her small son a treat, as well, for as she told her son, "You will see a man there who has the funniest face in the world"—to wit Leslie Henson. They arrived at the party, and were formally introduced to everyone, including Henson. The small boy stared for a moment or two, and then with a gesture of disgust said: "Well, I don't think much of your face—why it isn't as funny as my father's." But the cream of this joke lies in the fact that it was not Leslie Henson who was present, but the Rt. Rev. Hensley Henson, the very staid Bishop of Durham.

A Bashful Tale.

The second story is told by Henson himself, and concerns the early days when he was training for the profession. It was in the far distant days when ladies of fashion were carrying muffs as an aid to enhancing their appearance, and, secondary consideration, to keep their hands warm. Henson, then a bashful young man, one evening escorted a rather gay young lady home from a dance. It would seem that he was not quite as affectionate as he might have been, but as he says, it was due more to shyness than to anything else. The lady, finding that her amorous charms did not arouse similar feelings in her escort, complained that, literally, she was feeling cold. Said Henson, "Is it your hands? You should have brought a muff." "I have," replied the lady. "This," says the comedian, "is the only time I have been 'flooded' by an answer."

See His Film.

I could go on talking for hours about this great little comedian; his eccentric gestures, his extraordinarily funny and almost elastic face, and his art as a whole.

But more can be learned of him as an actor by seeing his film "A Warm Corner" than anything I can say in print. I repeat that "A Warm Corner" is a film that cannot be missed, a production that the film world are proud of. But most of all, it is an opportunity of seeing Leslie Henson the King of Comedians, supported by a brilliant cast, giving of his best for the sake of his art and his public.

The management of the King's Theatre are to be congratulated and thanked for having secured this British film, for our benefit.

MR. PEPYS IN HONG KONG.

14th.—This day dawned fair and I up very early walking in my garden where I perceive my seeds do germinate well, to my very great pleasure. On then to the office where for an hour or so I play at business and then do throw down my pen like a truant schoolboy and away to the Crique where I find many old friends from Shanghai, Mr. D. Leach, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Sam Isaacs who once was a member of the city watch but now order coaches where they shall or shall not stand. And after a possett or two maybe to the benches in the sun where I do take the greatest possible pleasure to see Mr. Fincher and Mr. Simpson play. And so merrily to tiffin time and tiffin, but afterwards, Lord, what a change there be! And by night the tables be turned. But I am full of hope. This night to "Dear Brutus" where little Betty Fair do play Margaret as natural as ever I saw in my life. And much I hope that my daughter will grow up to be as charming a rogue as she. Mr. A. Grey, too, plays the artist, and in the drunken and in the sober scenes it is hard to credit he be the same man. And in the last act, when he do call upon his lost Margaret, my wife, poor wretch, do weep outright and I must needs admit that I did the like.

15th Lord's Day.—This day to Kwantai to the races and very comfortably in Mr. Creed's coach, which do give me pleasant company and my wife too, as Creed's lady is her kossip! But at the course, I could scarce credit my senses and thought these eyes of mine had again betrayed me. For all the rough uneven ground is gone, and there is a multitude of flowers and everything set out as decently as possible, to my greatest pleasure. And it seems that my old friend Mr. E. Hazeland do make the desert to blossom like the rose. But, Lord, when it comes to wagering I do miss the mark every time and so doth my wife, poor wretch! Which I do verily believe to be a judgment upon me for that I do visit the Races upon the Lord's Day, and am minded to vow I will not do it again. But at the last I refrain, as I know that I shall. Home in Creed's Coach, and slept comfortably the whole journey. And so to bed, too tired even to eat one supper.

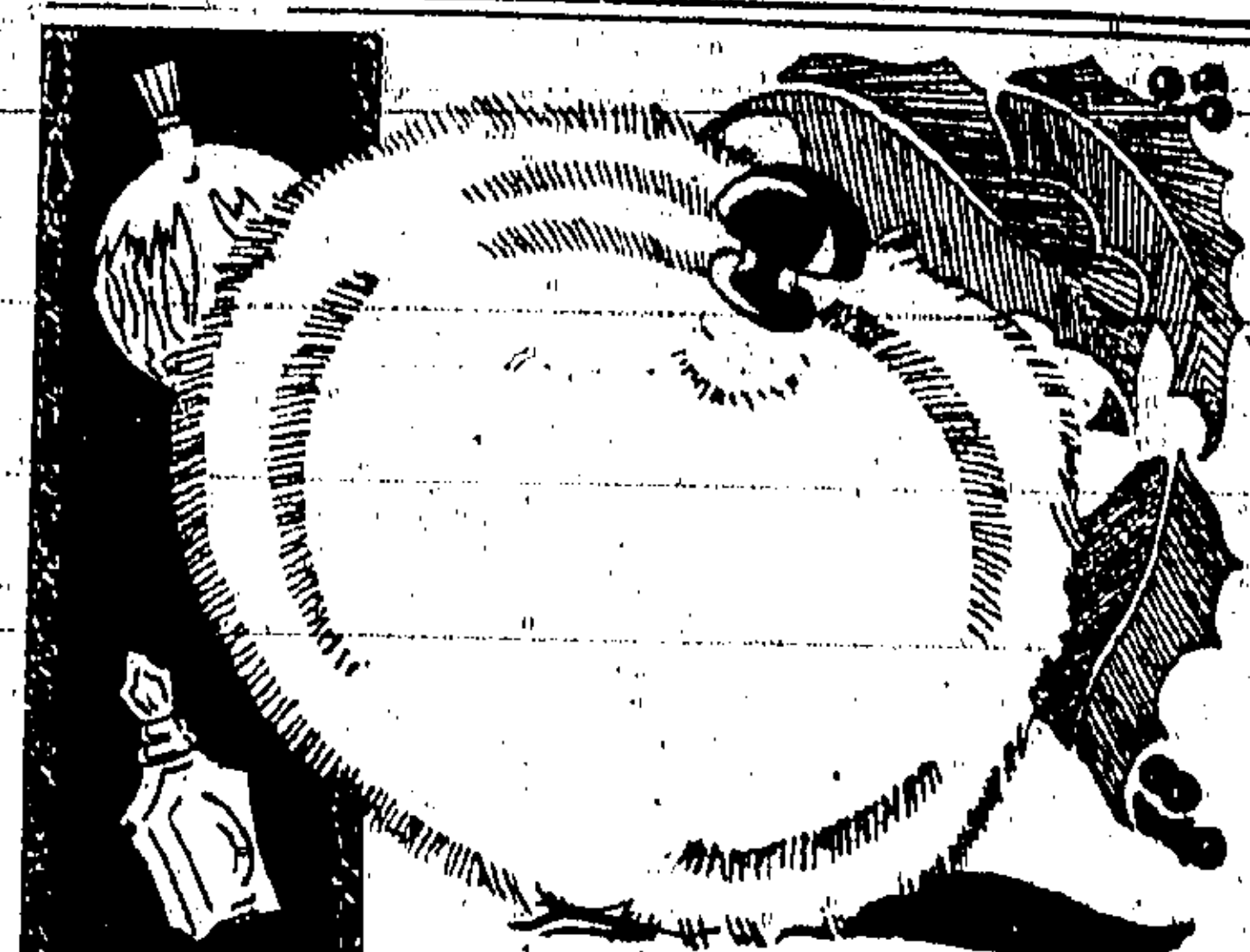
16th.—This day amazing stories of the young Emperor Pu Yi, that the Japanese will get him up in Manchuria. But I do not believe it. To the cricket early and we were beat. But it was a fine game, and so be the best side wins, as it did, I make little of whether it be Hong Kong or Shanghai.

17th.—To the Services match where I find a most interesting match and Shanghai do bat all day. In the evening again to Dear Brutus with Sir R. Harpenden, and I find it even better than I had thought. The report of the Currency Commission out, which do seem the most insolent thing in the world, as they do not advocate stabilization and so disagree with no less than two local News Sheets if not more. And I doubt they will be sorry for it.

18th.—At Crique all day. A draw.

19th.—Before the services talking on the verandah of the Club with Creed, Pevy and Mr. Ashby, who speaks of a letter from "Indignant" waxing wroth that but fifty people do go to hear a concert at the Helena. May. At which Creed, very bitter, do say that it is indeed a shame that in a British Colony people should go to a play by Barrie, played by British people, when they could hear the music of Ansel Velinghoff-Scheel, Renja Waschitz and Wolfgang Schneider. But I perceive him to be a Philistine for all the musical intelligence of the Colony do know that of all qualifications for musical excellence do be the possession of an utterly unpronounceable name. Then to Kowloon where I rent very heartily of Mr. Robinson's mustard and cress, but did suffer a sad drawback in that Mr. D. Leach did sit beside me and he liketh it as I do. A merry Interport Dinner.

20th.—Shanghai have left us, AND SO TO BED!



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A considerable amount of mystery surrounds the latest exploit of the China Coast pirates, the plundering of the s.s. Hanyang, which took place in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The only definite information received in the Colony was contained in a brief wireless message from the master of the pirated vessel to the Hong Kong Naval authorities, in which he intimated that the ship had been pirated, that the pirates had left the ship at Namoa Island at five o'clock in the morning, and that there were no casualties, and that he was proceeding to Amoy.

How was She Pirated?

The mysterious side of the affair was revealed by a statement made by a member of the staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, agents of the Hanyang, according to their information the Hanyang was not carrying any passengers, nor was she loaded with any valuable cargo. The manner in which she was pirated is therefore a matter for conjecture, as is also the motive of the pirates, for they are generally well-informed and choose a ship that would imply repay them for their trouble. In this case it is understood that no hostages were taken ashore by the pirates, although it is safe to assume that the ship was ransacked. She carried no anti-piracy guards, being purely a cargo vessel.

Namoa Island is situated about thirty miles to the north of Amoy, at the entrance to Swatow harbour, and H.M.S. Sterling has been dispatched thither to conduct investigations. Meanwhile the Hanyang has continued her interrupted voyage to Amoy and thence to Hong Kong, it being expected that she will arrive here on Sunday afternoon or evening.

The Officers.

The Hanyang is under the command of Captain G. Harris Walker, and her officers are, Mr. E. H. Hankin, Chief Officer, Mr. S. M. Garrett, Second Officer, Mr. M. Macgregor, Chief Engineer, Mr. M. Scott, Second Engineer, and Mr. C. H. Jones, Third Engineer. Her Chinese crew numbers roughly 60 men.

She left Shanghai at daylight on Tuesday morning for Amoy, Hong Kong and Canton.

MURDER TRIAL.

POLICE EVIDENCE OF FIVE
ARRESTS.ATTEMPT BY MOB TO RUSH
THE BUILDING.

Further police evidence dealing with the arrest of the five prisoners in the Kowloon City murder trial was recorded at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and jury.

Prisoners, among whom is a small boy appearing as the fifth accused, and charged with the murder of six members of the Yamashita family, and they are defended by Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, while the Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.) together with Mr. T. S. Wylie Smith appear for the Crown.

Sergeant Wheeler, who had given evidence the previous day, stated in cross-examination that he did not see the arrest of the second, third and fourth prisoners. In re-examination, he said that he was certain that the first prisoner, whom he arrested in the tank of the roof of the villa, was the same man he had seen on the roof while witness was on the lawn.

Body Struck with Pole.

An Indian constable said that when he reached the roof he saw a Chinese strike one of the bodies with a bamboo pole. This was the second prisoner whom he arrested. Another constable deposed to the arrest of the third prisoner who was seen on the roof near one of the bodies. Witness said he was also present when Sergeant Deig dragged the small boy on to the roof from a window coping where he was hiding. Another witness, an Indian lance-sergeant, gave evidence of arresting the fourth prisoner on the roof at about the same time as the third prisoner was caught by the constable.

Sergeant Butcher said that when he arrived on the scene at about 10 o'clock with reinforcements, the police were faced with a mob numbering about 400 on the roof, while

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THE NEW DUTIES
AT HOME.EFFECT ON HONG KONG
PARCEL POST.POSITION EXPLAINED BY
POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

With reference to the Bill which has just passed through Parliament relative to customs duties, the Postmaster General, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, was interviewed by a representative of the Hong Kong Daily Press yesterday as to the effect of such duties on parcels forwarded from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom.

The Postmaster General stated that he had no information beyond that which was contained in press telegrams as to the possible nature of scope of the future duties. He was unable to say whether they would apply in any way to Hong Kong parcel mail and was also quite unable to say whether the duties, if increased, would be levied merely upon those articles which at present pay duty or whether, as seemed possible, they would be imposed upon all manufactured goods—a very wide term.

Duty in Advance.

Mr. Hamilton informed our representative that the arrangement by which it was possible to pay duty in advance by a deposit in the Hong Kong Office was made as long ago as 1898 and as far as he could trace there had never been any difficulty about it.

The potential difficulty which now arises is caused by the method of accounting, as in the event of the Customs duty being assessed here at too low a figure, the Hong Kong Postal Administration account in London is automatically debited with the deficit. The Hong Kong office is then informed and proceeds to collect the amount, if it can, from the sender of the parcel. As, however, the intimation of the amount due does not reach Hong Kong until some three months after the despatch of the parcel, it is obvious that the chances are—with our transient population—that the Post Office may not be able to collect.

In the event of practically the whole contents of a large mail being dutiable at a higher figure than the deposit charged, it will be readily appreciated that there will be a serious loss of Public funds, apart from the enormous work entailed by locating the senders of the parcels, and, perhaps still more, collecting the money from them.

Mr. Hamilton stated that while he had not been definitely informed of anything, he felt quite confident that even should larger duties in future be imposed upon parcels from Hong Kong, there will be no interference with the Christmas parcel mail or with that despatched to-day.

Deposit of 100 per cent.

The possibility, however, having come to the notice of the postal authorities, it has been found necessary either to demand a deposit of 100 per cent, that is to say, the same as the declared value of the parcel, or else to insist on the parcels being forwarded for collection of duty at the other end. Mr. Hamilton emphasized the fact that this did not necessarily mean the collection of duty up to the full amount deposited; if there were no change in the duties at Home, then there would be a proportionately greater refund made to the depositors here.

Communication is being entered into with London on the subject and further indications will be made in the mail notices as soon as definite information is available.

Inside the garden there were about 700 to 1,000 people, mostly armed with bamboo poles and sticks. They had to make repeated baton charges to reach the doorway, and when witness reached the roof he saw several bodies.

Mob Advances on House.

Witness said that a little later he looked over the roof and saw a large mob advancing on the house. He drew his revolver and fired one shot. This had no effect, and he fired three more shots on to the ground in front of the villa. The crowd then turned round and dispersed all over the compound, some running into the pond in the garden.

Sergeant Butcher said that he helped in the arrest of the first prisoner when Sergeant Wheeler sought his assistance to bring him down the ladder from the tank on the roof. He continued that he remained on the roof till 1.30 a.m., when he was relieved by the Inspector in charge of Kowloon City Police Station.

Witness agreed with the Attorney General that he was on the roof at about midnight when a Japanese man and a woman came to the roof from the adjoining house. These people he escorted later in the police van. When witness left all the five prisoners were in the guard-room below and were taken charge of by the military.

In adjourning the case until 10 a.m. to-day, it was indicated that the would possibly be adjourned until Monday instead of carrying on in the afternoon.

CANDIDA ON
CALLING.SWATOW SNAGS:
UNKNOWN IN HONG KONG.

I don't know which is worse, calling or receiving callers. Both are rather embarrassing at times. Here in Swatow one has to call in person and not by coolie-proxy because there are none of those convenient card boxes carefully placed out of sight of the drawing room windows. There is no detailing of one's coolie to slip in a card while one sneaks off for a set of tennis. One must go through the whole bitter business at every house. Of course for a bachelor there is one (at least) loophole of escape and that is to make careful enquiries and discover when a hen's tea and bridge party is to be held. The next is simple—nip round rapidly and leave a card at all the houses and probably pick up a drink here and there with solitary husbands.

I always wish that callers would not tactfully leave their call until they imagine you have finished tea, but would quite blatantly call in time. They generally arrive when the teapot contains a dark and hellish brew, when only one sodden and congealed scone remains and the crumbly relic of a once appetizing cake is left in sole splendour on the dish. I usually hope that they will refuse tea but they don't. My Boy, a good enough fellow in his way, always loses his head at this juncture. He manages to make fresh tea which I pour out and then find that there is not enough milk, so I call him to refill the jug. Then I discover that the caller takes sugar, which I don't, so I yell for the Boy again. At last the desired refreshment is provided. Again I lift up my voice and summon the Boy to demand where the sandwiches are presently, after a lengthy delay, he returns with a plate holding enough to feed a platoon of Boy Scouts. Meanwhile the unfortunate caller balances his cup and searches frantically for something to say. I do the same. After the usual banalities of "How do you like Swatow?" and "Do you play Bridge?" there seems to be a singular paucity of conversational matter.

Some very shy callers seem to find it difficult to get up and go. I know it does require a little presence of mind, and body, to rise from one's chair and make a graceful exit. I remember once in a youth salina at a house of a very grim and fierce old lady who lived with a grim and fierce old daughter and a grim and fierce (not so old) son who was down from Oxford where he was taking (are these things "Taken"? Holy Orders. They fed me with wafers like bread and butter which disappeared into my hungry young belly almost without touching the sides. They gave me seed-cake (the horror!) which I loathed but dared not refuse and weak tepid tea. I searched furiously for something to say and only managed a tactless remark about the Church. I had meant to stay no more than the allotted twenty minutes but at the end of that time I felt powerless to move. I was rooted to the spot. I looked mutely at the clock and determined to leave exactly at the half hour. But the hour came and went and I sat there, red faced and silent, in anguish of soul. Finally and in desperation I leapt to my feet and the grim, fierce people leapt to their feet in obvious fear that I should change my mind and I coasted away, shaken and trembling. And so it is that I always feel very sympathetic with shy callers and try to smooth their thorny path.

Quite different in the case of Young X, a junior in one of the firms here, who deliberately made it his practice to prolong a call as much as possible so that he might be asked to dinner. He was one of my first callers and arrived in time for tea which he ate gustily and with patent heartiness. Shortly after tea he accepted a Whiskey and Soda, a little later another Whiskey and Soda. As it was by this time about seven o'clock there was nothing for it but to ask him to stay for pot luck. He consumed several gins, ate a liberal dinner, taking two or three helpings of everything, and lowered a few more whiskies and sodas. After two glasses of Port he lit a cigar, at the same time slipping half a dozen into his pocket. After dinner he settled down to Bridge and proceeded to win every rubber. He looked quite injured when at midnight, a rubber just having finished, my husband suggested that it was time for a nightcap. "Hang it all," said our caller, "why do you ask a chap to dinner and then turn him out at this early hour?" Needless to say, that is a question to which I have never been able to find an adequate answer.

The worst of being called upon is that one is liable to be so unprepared and as my house is peculiarly built it is often impossible to instruct the Boy to say "Not at home" without

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ASSAULT CHARGE.

INCIDENT OUTSIDE KING'S
THEATRE.

A summons for assault was mentioned before Mr. Williams at Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese named Lo San appeared as complainant against Mr. R. Reboige. The assault is alleged to have taken place at the King's Theatre.

Mr. Peter H. Sin, appearing for the complainant, asked for a remand as, one of the principal witnesses for the complainant was in hospital. He would be prepared to go on with the case in a week's time.

The defendant would not agree to an adjournment, and on his Worship's suggestion, the parties withdrew from the Court to try to arrange terms. They returned to Court later when Mr. Sin announced that the defendant could not agree with the complainant's terms. The case was accordingly remanded for a week.

being caught out in a flagrant lie. We were badly let in one day. We had been bathing with a schooler friend and were sitting in wet bathing suits on the drawing room floor enjoying tea. Suddenly the door gave an ominous click. I ran like a hare on to the back verandah and up the back stairs leaving the two men to face the local French aristocrat Count R—. I then performed one of the most lightning changes I have ever managed in my life and soon entered the drawing room cool and unperturbed (I hope) to welcome the guest. I shall never forget that occasion, because all the flies in the neighbourhood, attracted by some pungent and highly scented oil the Count used on his hair, swarmed in through the window and settled on him in a cloud so that his white coat was quite black.

I think it is always as well for a caller to try to avoid blotting his copybook in between the front door and the drawing room. The unfortunate experience of a raw young Scot occurs to me. He had at last summoned up enough courage to call on the Consul's wife. He was in the hall removing his coat when the Boy announced his arrival. Suddenly an unsavoury little dog of the yapping variety shot out of an unnoticed door behind him and nipped him malevolently in the tender part of his calf causing him considerable pain. He, not unnaturally, retaliated by punting it across the hall so that it fetched up howling at the drawing room door just as Mrs. Consul was emerging to greet him. She glared at him balefully as she lifted the miserable beast in her arms and lavished caresses upon it murmuring, "My poor darling Fluffy." Our Scotch friend was covered with confusion as he was led coldly into the drawing room. Instead of being the injured party he somehow felt as if he had committed the most unspeakable crime. He was quite unable to make any explanation as he was liable to lapse into incomprehensible Gaelic in moments of stress. As a result of this he remained *persona non grata* for many a long day.

Nevertheless receiving callers have lighter moments. A bashful caller lost his shyness very speedily as a consequence of a laughable bit of by-play. He arrived just as my husband and a friend were holding a kind of competition as to who could eat most Sandwiches. At last only one remained. In order to decide who should have it, these two foolish men, after having searched and found a pack of cards, went down on their knees on the floor and solemnly dealt out a poker hand each. Meanwhile I quietly demolished the Sandwiches. The expression of surprise and dismay on their faces as they rose to their feet and saw the empty plate was too much for our shy caller who dissolved into peals of laughter and was shy no longer.

Children are often useful to relieve the tension, at least, they are from the hostess' point of view. It depends of course largely upon their age as to whether they relieve the situation for the unfortunate caller. Provided they are out of the infant-in-arm stage he can generally find some point of contact. But a baby only serves to deepen his misery. After all what reasonably intelligent remark can be made about anyone else's small boy? They all look quite definitely sub-human. Luckily for most of us calling is dying out in Swatow. People are no longer urged by a fanatical fervour to call on the slightest provocation in or out of season, after dinner parties and during At Homes. A few days after your arrival you go round methodically and deposit a couple of cards at each house and you needn't worry again until your next Transfer—I am, Mr. Editor, your much called-upon.

"CANDIDA"

HONG KONG STOCK
MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S TRANSACTIONS.

There was no change of any consequence in the market yesterday morning, prices being well maintained on Thursday level.

Sales.

Banks, \$1,675.
Unions, \$430.
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Providents (old), \$5.50.
Hotels (old), \$15.15.
Humphreys (old), \$19.
H.K. Trams, \$21.
Cements (combined), \$18.85.
Ropes, \$17.
Dairy Farms, \$23.60.

Buyers.

China Underwriters, \$4.
Wharves, \$151.
Providents (old), \$5.10.
Providents (new), \$2.45.
Hotels (old), \$15.
Hotels (new), \$14.
H.K. Lands, \$20.
Humphreys (old), \$18.
H.K. Realities, \$11.
Ewos, Tls. 15.20.
Star Ferries, \$92.
China Lights, \$27.
H.K. Electric, \$75.
Telephones (part paid), \$20.
H.K. Government Loan, \$20 premium.

Sellers.

Indo-Chinas, \$43.
Banks, \$43.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.
Hotels (old), \$15.15.
H.K. Realities, \$11.
Constructions (new), \$2.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The market in the afternoon was somewhat quiet, doubtless owing to the preparations for the forthcoming Settlement.

Sales.

Banks, \$1,675.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Ewos, Tls. 15.20, Tls. 15.35 and Tls. 15.50.
Trams, \$20.
Constructions (new), \$2.

Buyers.

Hotels (old), \$14.
Ewos, Tls. 15.35.

Sellers.

Hotels (old), \$13.
Ewos, Tls. 15.
Trams, \$21.
Cements (combined), \$18.00.
Dairy Farms, \$23.60.

CANTON CENTRAL BANK.
FUND TO BE DEPOSITED IN
HONG KONG BRANCH.

(CENTRAL PRESS.)

CANTON, Nov. 19.
Mr. Fung Chu Wen, the Commissioner of Finance, is planning to shift the sinking fund of the Canton Central Bank to Hong Kong for deposit in the Hong Kong branch of the Bank so as prevent local speculators from speculating in this Central notes whenever a political change occurs in this city.

It is reported that in order to strengthen the credit of the Central notes Mr. Fung, the Finance Commissioner, plans to appoint several important members from some of the trustworthy organizations as supervisors of the funds. The whole amount of the fund will be kept in the vault of the branch office of the Central Bank in Hong Kong.

The vault will be locked by a chain of seven keys of different patterns. These seven keys will be handed over to the Chinese general chamber of commerce in Hong Kong and Canton and other reliable business bodies for safe preservation.

The sinking fund cannot be taken out unless it is unlocked by the seven keys at the same time.

With these precautions it is hoped that the credit of the notes will be maintained for ever.

This scheme has been drafted by the local treasury and will be put into force as soon as it is approved by the provincial government.

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R.E. OLD COMRADES'
ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Dinner of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades Association was held at the Hotel Cecil last night, when a very large number of past and present members of the regiment were present.

A full report of the dinner will appear in our issue of Monday.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned and JOHN MORRISON, trading under the style or firm of "Dna. BLACK, BAILEY, KOCH and MORRISON" has been dissolved as from the 17th day of November, 1931, as far as concerns the said JOHN MORRISON who retires from the said firm.

Dated the 17th day of Nov., 1931.
(Sd.) G. D. R. BEACK,
H. BAILEY,
W. V. M. KOCH.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Voting Members will be held at the CLUB HOUSE, HAPPY VALLEY, on MONDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1931, at 8.30 p.m. All members are cordially invited to attend, and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th Nov., 1931. [1489]

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(INCORPORATED IN QUEENSLAND).

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND OF TWO SHILLINGS per share on account of the financial year ending 31st March, 1932, has been declared by the Directors of the Company in Brisbane, payable to Shareholders on the Registers at Brisbane and Singapore on TUESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1931.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the SINGAPORE TRANSFER REGISTERS will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER to TUESDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1931 (both days inclusive) for the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

By Order of the Board,
DERRICK & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Local Secretaries.
Hong Kong Bank Chambers,
Singapore, 7th Nov., 1931. [1467]

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.)

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended to declare a First and Final Dividend and Return of Capital to Shareholders of the above Company, and Creditors of the Company, who have not already done so, are required, on or before the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of DECEMBER, 1931, to send particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned, the joint liquidators in this matter, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any Distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1931.

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BIRTHS.

PASSOS.—On November 11, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. CARLOS L. PASSOS, a son.
RAWLINSON.—On November 10, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. RAWLINSON, a son.
TURNER.—On November 9, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. L. TURNER, a son.

ENGAGEMENT.

LAW—KING.—The engagement is announced of ROBERT HURONSON, eldest son of the late Dr. A. T. LAW, M.B., C.M., of Edinburgh, and of Mrs. E. D. THOMPSON of Winnipeg, Canada, and LESLEY LORNA, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. KING, of Shanghai.

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SURPLUS SHIPPING TONNAGE.

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 21, 1931.

JAPAN STRIKES HARD.

GENERAL MA CHAN SHAN has been decisively beaten. Tatsihai has fallen and Japan has announced to the League of Nations that she will not withdraw her troops until she has negotiated a treaty direct with China.

Nothing in all this is the least surprising. General Ma was given "friendly advice" not to dispute the Japanese advance, and may advantage which he may have had in numbers was discounted by the superior equipment of the Japanese. The aeroplanes used by the latter enabled them to find out all they needed about their opponent and to strike where and when they pleased. CHANG HSUEH LIANG's army is in Peiping, and he is unlikely to venture it against the Japanese and military opposition to the occupation of Manchuria has probably been shattered. General Ma may have rallied part of his forces, but the idea of driving the Japanese out of Heilungkiang province by force has probably been abandoned.

Japanese action has had from the beginning an appearance of steady and ruthless determination. There has been no haste, and while in the early stages the military seemed to be acting ahead of the Government and its diplomatic representatives, the two are now working in complete harmony. There is a grim finality about the almost simultaneous action in Paris and in the front at Tatsihai. This is emphasised by the reference to the Nanking Government as "a tool of the Kuomintang, an essentially anti-Japanese organism."

This dismissal of the great Nation-

alist party of China, as though it were some trouble-maker but relatively insignificant association hardly assists the diplomatic position. The Kuomintang is to the Chinese Government what the Fascisti are to the Italian régime, or the Conservative party to the British Cabinet. If Japan is to negotiate the treaty which she now demands, it will be with Chinese Ministers holding office at the will of the Kuomintang party. No other form of Chinese Government is conceivable and commitments could have no binding power over the nation.

Japan is now demanding that the ring should be kept clear, while she extracts her own terms from China. All one can hope is that the terms will show a far-sighted wisdom and moderation that will act as a salve upon the present wounds to China's national pride, and lay the foundation of a settled peace in Manchuria. The issue cannot be settled by military force. Treaties do not end national hatreds and resentments. If these two nations remain at enmity, economic warfare, in the form of boycotts and tariffs; future military precautions and preparations; diplomatic intrigues, and continued incidents will mark the course not of peace but an armed truce. China will be waiting her hour; waiting for Japan's embarrassment and difficulty, to regain what she considers has been stolen at the pistol point. Whatever treaties may be signed the Government of Manchuria, the ordinary life of the province, and the development of its resources will go forward, with Chinese and Japanese merchants, peasants and artisans working in double harness. Whether there will be harmonious partnership, and consequent peace and wealth, or the failure which must accompany mutual obstructionism, will depend mainly upon Japan. If the Japanese refuse to recognise the limitations of militarism and the persistent strength of the ordinary human feelings and prejudices, there will be little prosperity for anyone in Manchuria, despite its natural resources, and on the other side of the Great Wall, China will continue a watchful hostility.

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The world to-day is in a curious position with regard to its transport arrangements. The new edition of Lloyd's Register shows that the world is well stocked, or overstocked, with merchant shipping, but instead of this being a blessing it is becoming an economic burden. Only an economic revival of serious dimensions can bring all the existing tonnage into use. The figures given in the Register are of the greatest interest. During the past twelve months the world's merchant fleet has increased by over half a million tons.

The struggle between steam and motor powers continues, and in spite of its strong resistance steam is steadily losing ground. During the course of last year the world tonnage of steamers declined by 635,000, while that of motorships increased by 1,335,000. There are now 1,470 steamers, of an aggregate tonnage of 10,630,000 driven by turbines or combination of turbines and reciprocating engines, and 4,080 vessels of 9,431,000 tons propelled on the internal combustion system. Within the last six years the motor-ship has been advancing with giant strides, the tonnage of such vessels having increased by no less than 3,717,000 tons since June, 1925. As illustrating the change that has taken place in coal consumption, it is pointed out that whereas the world percentage of coal-burning ships was nearly 85 in 1914, the present percentage is only 58. The era of what has been called "sticks and string" is apparently nearly at its end. Only 674,000 tons of sailing ships remain afloat, America owning one-third of this aggregate, British "wind-jammers" still in service total only 10,000 tons.

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★ News and Views ★

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Authors' Jealousies.

The jealousy of authors exceeds the jealousy of women. Hear this tale from a far-off European country, where literature is esteemed more highly than politics. Mr. X, famous patriotic novelist, had just completed twenty-five years of literary activity, and the citizens of his native town gave a banquet in his honour.

A Literary Check.

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S. R. Crockett.

The Scots, who have a proper reverence for their great men, are to erect a memorial to S. R. Crockett, the Gallaway minister who forsook the church for novel-writing. After much wrangling it has been decided to set up the memorial in Lauriston, in his native county.

Although Crockett had a great vogue a decade ago, even in Scotland—and he was a great exponent of what Scots love to call the Doric—he is not read to-day.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker, Messrs. J. Arnold and A. E. Silkstone were among the passengers who left for Shanghai on the R.M.S. Empress of Asia yesterday.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. William Bell, of 4, Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay, and Miss Mary Munro Bell, who is due to arrive in the Colony by the S.S. Hector.

Yeung Yan, proprietor of the Yick Lee Timber Yard has reported to the police that a man to whom he gave \$200 to buy empty oil drums from the A.P.C. has not fulfilled his mission and is missing.

The S.S. President Lincoln, on her homeward voyage to San Francisco and New York, via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu, is now scheduled to sail from Hong Kong at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, instead of 6 p.m. as previously announced.

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for early publication. Most of the work on the grammar, which will enjoy an authority within its field comparable to that of the great dictionary, is being done by M.M. Abel Hermant and Paul Valéry. They have been at work on the book now for some two years, and hope to finish it by next January. There seems little doubt that the grammar will be a "best seller," for it will be universally accepted as the last word on questions grammatical. One of the "Immortals" proposed that when the book first appears it should be widely advertised, just as a new novel by an eminent author would be. But this proposal seemed to a majority of the Forty to smack too strongly of modern "boosting" methods and commercialism.

Lizards in the Coal.

So many scientists have pooled the stories of living toads discovered in rocks that one doubts whether the reported discovery of two lizards in a seam of coal in British Columbia will be believed. However, as one of the lizards has been shipped to Ottawa to regale Dominion scientists with an account of its adventures, there is a chance that scientists will be made to eat their words and accept the possibility of such instances of suspended animation.

Meanwhile it is worth remembering that as no one has the dimmest idea what life is, even in a lizard or a toad, it seems a little rash to dogmatise on whether or not it can be suspended for centuries.

Museum Gets Gift.

The State Natural History Museum in Stockholm boasts that it has the biggest entomological collection in the world. Among the gifts recently received, is a collection of 6,000 insects from the Kurile Islands, which together with the museum's previous fine collection from the Far East, makes, it is said, the biggest collection in existence. No fewer than thirty-five treatises have been written and printed about this collection and this number will be increased before the work is finished. Natural scientists from all over the world have helped in this work.

France and Lord Cecil.

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Brought before Mr. E. H. Williams on a charge of cruelty to a monkey, a Chinese was yesterday ordered to pay a fine of \$40. It was stated that the defendant and some other people were teasing the animal which was in a cage in a stall near the Chinese Recreation ground, Hollywood Road.

Two Chinese were fined \$50 or one month at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser yesterday when they were charged with stowing away from Singapore on the B. I. s.s. Sirdhana. The prosecuting officer informed his Worship that the defendants were discovered in the No. 4 hatch, when the sirdhana was about 24 hours out of Singapore.

"Brother, let there be good understanding between us. You know I am but finding my daily sustenance." That is what a hawk is alleged to have said to a constable who arrested him for hawkling without a license on Thursday. Mr. Williams, before whom the man was taken yesterday, found there was no case and discharged the defendant.

When two Russians were charged before Mr. Williams at Central Magistracy yesterday with being in the Colony without proper passports, they said that they had left Russia on account of the hardships they had to endure in that country. They had worked their way to Hong Kong and were waiting for a chance to go down to Manila where they were told, there were a large number of Russians. They were each fined \$40 or four weeks in default, this to be followed by expulsion from the Colony.

Fooksang has been built to the order of Messrs. Matheson and Co., of London and China, and is specially fitted for the China trade, having large ports in between decks for light and ventilation, with a light shade or sun deck extending the whole length of the vessel. As the vessel left the ways the ceremony of naming was performed by Miss M'Bain, daughter of the supervising architect—Hong Kong Daily Press, Nov. 21, 1931.

In the first line comes Lord Cecil, who is described as a hereditary Latin-bater, a cinema clergyman, and a culture chasing butterfly.

In addition, France has discovered a new enemy. This is none other than Senior Madariaga, the former Oxford professor, who is now Spanish Ambassador in Washington.

Apparently, Senior Madariaga's chief offence in French eyes is that he speaks English too well. He is described as a snave and dangerous man.

The Disarmament Conference should be a jolly affair.

Motor Cars Increase.

The twenty thousand motor cars now registered in Stockholm, which means that every twenty-fifth inhabitant in Stockholm owns a motor car. Twenty-three years ago the first automobile was registered in A1. This belonged to the King of Sweden, who still has this number on one of his cars. The first taxi was, as an experiment, put into service in Stockholm in 1905 and two years later there were 500 automobiles in the capital of Sweden. It took only three years to reach the figure of 1000.

The Missed Appointment.

A West End physician was annoyed because a "wealthy patient" missed an appointment. "I cannot restore you to health, madam, unless you follow my instructions and also keep your appointments with me."

"But, doctor," was the reply, "I really couldn't come yesterday. I wasn't well."

A London-Berlin Comparison.

The figures of Berlin's motor traffic read in connection with the London figures, make an interesting comparison.

Berlin has 44,000 motor-cycles as compared with London 112,000; 55,000 private cars, including taxis, as against London's 250,000; and 18,000 goods vehicles, as against London's 91,000.

Berlin to-day is reputed to be the most modern and the most Americanised city in Europe. As far as building is concerned this is probably true.

But even if one gives London double the population of Berlin and doubles the motor-car figures the German capital is still a long way behind the English in the use of motor transport.

Telephones, one imagines, would show a different picture.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

From the Files.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Yesterday Mr. G. P. Lamport, auctioneer, offered for sale the wreck of the bulk Steamer as she lies at Yauwattai with all anchors, and appurtenances. The purchaser was a Yauwattai shipbuilder, Mr. Wing Cheung, who bought the wreck for \$725.

Lieut. Col. A. E. Aitken, 19th Infantry, is appointed President of the H.K. Army Rifle Association vice Lieut. Col. C.H.U. Price, 12th Battalion, and Lt. H. E. Large, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, is appointed Honorary Secretary, vice Lt. C. W. Case-Morris, 2nd B. W. Kent Regiment.

The following have been selected to play for the Hong Kong Football Club in the Rugby match against Lieut. Campbell's XV to-day (Friday) kicking off at 4.45 p.m. The Club will play in colours. Referee J. Clark. Back-B. Johnson. Three-quarters—A.O. Lang, C. M. Preshaw, J. Lookey, J. McG. Tynan. Half-backs—L. J. Blackburn and S. Potley. Forwards—H. G. C. Bailey, T. J. Tipliss, H. M. Kendall, R. Munro, L. S. Greenhill, C. H. Mackay, A. Gango and T. C. Leithbridge.—Hong Kong Daily Press, Nov. 21, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

We take the subjoined paragraph from Mitchell's Maritime Register.—On the 8th October there was launched from the building-yard of Messrs. Hall, Russell and Co., an iron screw steamer, named Fooksang, of the following dimensions:—Length, 235 feet; breadth, 35 feet 6 inches; depth, 23 feet; and 1,580 tons gross. This vessel has been built under special survey to class 100 A at Lloyd's and will be fitted with compound surface condensing engines of 180 horse-power nominal, steam winches, steam steering gear, patent steam windlass, water ballast, and all the most approved appliances for facilitating the loading and discharging of cargoes. The (Continued on Previous Column.)

NEW MOVE BY JAPAN

Five Points to Stand Over DRAFT RESOLUTION TO BE SCRAPPED

MORE HOPEFUL OUTLOOK REGARDING
MANCHURIA

COMPLETE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY AND U.S.A.

DE-MILITARISATION OF MANCHURIA
SUGGESTED

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 20. THE outcome of the latest conversations at Paris is the complete agreement between France, America, Britain and Germany that it will be ridiculous to consider applying economic or military sanctions in regard to Manchuria, according to the *Daily Telegraph* which says that the League's deliberations, therefore, clearly will not be in the direction of the ill-considered October Draft Resolution, but directed to persuading the Chinese and Japanese to open direct negotiations without delay.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

PARIS, November 20. The Japanese Embassy's communication to M. Briand last night created a most hopeful outlook, according to the French Press.

Le Petit Parisien is of the opinion that the most notable progress has been achieved during the past twenty-four hours by the Japanese delegation, and a clear advance towards a satisfactory solution of the problem is discernible.

Le Journal and *Le Matin* are most optimistic still and say success appears to be almost assured due, principally, to the effort for conciliation involved by a political plan of which Gen. Dawes, Sir John Simon, Mr. Matsudaira and M. Briand are the authors. *Le Journal* adds that the most interesting feature of yesterday's proceedings was how M. Briand made most of the new development in Japan's policy.

There is a somewhat more hopeful feeling everywhere this afternoon, due to instructions received by Mr. Yoshizawa from Tokyo which it is gathered revolve around the question of the despatch of a commission to Manchuria under League auspices. The Japanese Government are definitely prepared to accept a commission without China's previous acceptance of her five points. In making this concession Japan, however, does not relinquish the five points, but the question of their acceptance is merely delayed. Great interest is also attached to a suggestion which the Japanese, it is understood, are making in favour of the de-militarisation of Manchuria.

JAPANESE CASUALTIES ARRIVE AT MUKDEN

MUKDEN, November 20. This morning a saddened section of the Japanese community gathered at the railway station to receive the first batch of casualties from the Nonni River front.

The train brought in nineteen dead and more than eighty wounded. This is believed to be under half the total, which is reported to be forty-nine killed and 155 wounded.

There is no official news of developments in the Tsitsihar area as the field radio has failed, while bandits continue to cut the telegraph lines to Anganchi.

Japanese headquarters state that Chinese troops are concentrating at Tungliao in western Fengtien and that they apprehend trouble in that area now that western Fengtien is practically denuded of Japanese troops.

The advance guard of the mixed brigade, which sailed from Japan on November 17, has already arrived at Mukden via Korea.

JAPANESE RESIDENTS RETURN TO TSITSIHAR

TOKYO, Nov. 20.

The reports that Japanese planes bombed Tsitsihar was denied by General Minami when telling the Cabinet this afternoon that Ma Chan Shan has retreated twenty-five miles north-east of Tsitsihar, and that Japanese troops will be withdrawn within the next few days. He is also of the opinion that the Soviet will take no action as the Chinese Eastern Railway is neither damaged nor endangered.

A despatch to the War Office states that the Japanese Consul and residents who went to Harbin on Nov. 14 have returned to Tsitsihar.

PARIS, Nov. 20.

It is reported from Riga that mass meetings are being arranged in Soviet industrial centres for protesting against the policy of Japan.

SLENDER HOPE OF SETTLEMENT

PARIS, Nov. 19.

The slender hope of settlement engendered by the Japanese suggestion of a Commission of Enquiry has been dispelled by a Note handed to M. Briand this afternoon by Mr. Yoshizawa, in which, it is understood, Japan declares she will not evacuate Manchuria until a new treaty has been negotiated with China confirming the present treaties and the fundamental points enumerated in the recent Note sent to M. Briand.

The Japanese Note adds that even should the security of property and Japanese nationals in Manchuria seem assured, Japan will maintain military occupation because she feels that the Nanking Government is a tool of the Kuomintang, and such an essentially anti-Japanese organism is powerless to ensure order in the occupied territory.

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COLLECTORS INVADE SETTLEMENT

TO PROCURE FUNDS FOR
MA CHAN SHAN

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 20. Despite a refusal by the authorities several hundred boys and girls invaded the Settlement to collect funds in the streets in support of General Ma Chan Shan, they halted pedestrians, entered places of business, boarded trams and even entered the line of city traffic thrusting collection boxes through automobile windows. There were several cases of molestation where Chinese declined to contribute and a number of students were arrested. They were released after being cautioned.

WAR LORDS BLAMED

FOR NOT SUPPORTING
GENERAL MA

(Wah Tze Yat Pao.)

CANTON, Nov. 20. In view of the critical situation in Manchuria and new developments in the internal situation, the Kuomintang National Congress, of Canton, hurriedly assumed its plenary session today. Mr. Sun Fo was again in the chair and the following important resolutions were passed:

(1) Marshal Chiang Kai Shek and General Chang Hsueh Liang should be held strictly responsible for the fall of Heilungkiang territory to the Japanese as they did not send a single soldier to reinforce General Ma Chan Shan during his campaign against the Japanese. Marshal Chiang be ordered to lead an expedition to Manchuria within the shortest possible period while General Chang Hsueh Liang be dismissed.

(2) The National Congress repudiates the issue of new public loan bonds by the Nanking Government without obtaining consent from the Canton National Government.

A recent report stated that the Nanking authorities were going to do so. If it is true, Nanking will be held responsible for the violation of peace arrangements reached at Shanghai.

Yesterday the Canton National Government issued a circular telegram which was intended for the leading financial institutions at Shanghai, stating that the Canton National Government would not recognise the reported issue of a series of public loan bonds by the Nanking Government without obtaining consent from the Canton Government.

The Canton Government alleged, in the same telegram, that Chiang Kai Shek might use the loan fund to swell his war chest against his political opponents.

The private meeting of the League Council to be held tomorrow has been postponed until 4 p.m. and there is thus no question of a public session being held tomorrow.

The despatch of a League Commission of Enquiry and Observation to Manchuria, coupled with guarantees of Japan's treaty rights, is advocated by the French journal *Le Temps*. It is a solution of the Manchurian problem, thereby probably reflecting authoritative French opinion.

WAR MATERIAL FROM BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 19.

Major J. D. Colville, Secretary for Overseas Trade, announced in the House of Commons to-night, that licences for the export of war materials to the Chinese and Japanese Governments had been issued in the last six months.

RUSSIA'S NEUTRALITY

PARIS, Nov. 19.

An unconfirmed report from Riga states that the Soviet Government has decided not to reply to the Japanese "friendly warning" despatched to the Russian Government.

The report is said to further state that the Soviet Government considers the conversations between M. Litvinoff and the Japanese Minister have sufficiently proved Russia's neutrality concerning Manchuria.

CANTON CONGRESS OPENED.

SUN FO AND CHEN TSAI
TONG APPEAL FOR UNION

The Publicity Section of the Secretariat of the 4th National Kuomintang Congress inform us that the opening ceremony of the 4th National Kuomintang Congress took place in the Chungshan Memorial Hall at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 18th, with over 2,000 persons including delegates, and representatives of the various public bodies in attendance. The members of the Central Executive and Supervisory Committees present were Messrs. Hsiao Fu Cheng, Teng Tsak Yu, Ku Yu Lin, Sun Fo, Chen Tsai Tong, Li Fu Lin, Eugene Chen, Li Tsung Jen, Ching Hang Yi, Liu Chi Wen, Shih Tsing Yang, Kuo Chun Tao, Chen Chak, Chang Chi Pan and Li Wen Fen.

Mr. Sun Fo, who presided, made an opening statement, in which he recalled the necessity for inaugurating the Extraordinary Kuomintang Session in Canton, as part of the overthrow of the dictatorial régime in Nanking, to eliminate the Communist-bandits and to save the country from further turmoil.

The Japanese occupation of Manchuria, aroused the question as to whether a united front could be formed, hence the convention of the Preliminary Peace Conference in Shanghai. Consequently, decisions have been reached that the 4th National Kuomintang Congress be convened in Canton and Nanking independently. At the conclusion of the Congress, the new members of Central Executive and Supervisory Committees elected in Canton and Nanking will join together to hold the 4th meeting, in

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m., stated:—
The typhoon is about 400 miles E. of Legaspi, moving west. The anti-cyclone is central about 200 miles north of Peiping, and is moving eastward.
Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine generally.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following typhoon warning has been received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory: Manila, Nov. 20, 11.10 a.m.—Typhoon in about 135deg. Long. E. and 14deg. Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

which problems relative to the re-organization of the Central Government, the retirement of Chiang Kai Shek and the dissolution of the National Government in Canton will be solved.

Mr. Sun concluded by calling the members to unite in a struggle for the completion of the Revolutionary tasks and the repulse of foreign invasion.

General Chen Tsai Tong was the next speaker who called upon the audience "To trust" and "To excuse." With these points in mind, said General Chen, all complications that might arise would vanish and the Party members would unite as one man.

OTHER BUSINESS

CANTON, Nov. 19. The publicity section of the secretariat of the 4th National Kuomintang Congress inform us that the 1st Preliminary Session of the 4th National Kuomintang Congress was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 19th, with a large number of Central Executive and Supervisory Committee members and 486 formal delegates in attendance.

The following resolutions were put through:—

That the Chairmanship Board of the Congress be consisted of eleven members:—
That Messrs. Hsiao Fu Cheng, Wang Ching Wei, Hu Han Min, Sun Fo, Teng Tsak Yu, Li Tsung Jen and Ching Hang Yi, as recommended by the Extraordinary Kuomintang Session, be appointed as members of the Chairmanship Board;

That the election of General Li Yang King 489 votes, Mr. Wong Cho Tso 232 votes, Kwan So Yen 207 votes and Yao Te Chang 202 votes as members of the Chairmanship Board be passed;

That the appointment of Mr. Li Wen Fen as Chief Secretary to the 4th National Kuomintang Congress, Mr. Liang Han Tso, head of the Secretariat, and

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PERPETUAL BANISHMENT

CORTES PASSES SENTENCE
ON EX-KING ALFONSO

FOUND GUILTY OF
HIGH TREASON

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

MADRID, Nov. 20. The Cortes found ex-King Alfonso guilty of high treason and sentenced him to perpetual banishment. He is now an outlaw and liable to be seized by any Spaniard, if he sets foot on Spain.

His property is to be confiscated and he has been deprived of all his rights.

WINS WORLD'S ROUGH AND TUMBLE

THEN ARRESTED AND
LOCKED IN ROOM

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Chicago, Nov. 20. Stepping from the ring after beating King Levinsky, in what was labelled the world "rough and tumble" championship, Curran was arrested for not having paid a judgment of \$75, obtained by an Indiana promoter against him. He was unable to find bail so was locked in the room of his hotel with a Law Officer guarding him.

ANTI-FASCIST TERRORISTS

BOMB OUTRAGE AT
PHILADELPHIA

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 20. Anti-Fascist terrorists incur the blame for a terrific bomb explosion which caused extensive damage to a block of flats inhabited by the Italian Consul-General, Marquis Ferrante, who had completed arrangements to formally welcome Signor Grandi today.

Marquis Ferrante declared "it was certainly meant for me" as the most elaborate measures were taken to protect Signor Grandi.

Precautions at New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. The neighbourhood of Morgan's banking premises were heavily policed and all passing motor-cars and pedestrians were stopped and interrogated with the object of frustrating a reported bombing plot.

BRITISH TROOPS IN KASHMIR.

MOSLEMS MAKE PROTEST TO
THE VICEROY.

NEW DELHI, November 20.—The despatch of British troops to Kashmir to suppress disorders which have broken out among the Moslem subjects of the Maharajah of Kashmir has caused fresh outbreaks of Hindu-Moslem recriminations.

Yesterday, a deputation of ten Moslem members of the Legislative Assembly waited on the Viceroy and protested against the despatch of British troops and the promulgation of an ordinance for the protection of Kashmir from disorders.

The Moslem grievance is that although the majority of residents of Kashmir are Moslems the Maharajah is a Hindu. The affair is so working up tempers that the working committee of the Hindu Mahasabha is sending a cable to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald protesting against Mr. Gandhi's surrender, which has encouraged the Moslems to pitch their demands higher and higher.

Meanwhile, reports from Kashmir state that the arrival of the British troops has resulted in the situation getting quieter although minor disturbances occurred this morning at Jammu.

Messrs. Shen Clio Shu, Chung Tien Sen, Chen Kim Yu, Yu Hsi Chih, Tseng Chung Ming, Kuang Teng Cho, Teng Chang Ho and Tseng Yu Pak as secretaries appointed by the Extraordinary Session of the Kuomintang be recognized;

That the appointment of General Heung Han Ping as Garrison Commander and Commander Lin She Ching and General Wong Wei Lung as Vice-Garrison Commander of the 4th National Congress, be passed.

STATUTE OF WESTMINSTER BILL

MOST FAR-REACHING BILL
IN GENERATIONS

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 20. The most important and far-reaching Bill presented to Parliament in generations, was the description given by Mr. Thomas, the mover to the Statute of Westminster Bill, which gives effect to the revolutions passed by the Imperial Conferences in 1926 and 1930, defining the mutual relationship and constitutional powers of the Dominions.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

A meeting of the Cabinet was held this morning. It is understood that matters for discussion will improve the Statute of Westminster Bill, which is being considered on second reading, in the House of Commons to-day. The Bill is designed to give effect to decisions reached at Imperial Conferences of 1926 and 1930, at which the Balfour Declaration on the equality of status of Dominion was approved and its implications accepted.

ANTI-DUMPING BILL

PASSED BY BOTH
HOUSES

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 20. The Abnormal Importations (Anti-Dumping) Bill has passed both Houses and become law.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 19. By 320 votes to 44, the House of Commons to-night passed the third reading of the Abnormal Importations Bill (Anti-Dumping). There were half a dozen opposition Labour amendments which were defeated with enormous majorities in the committee stage of the Bill.

The Bill will to-morrow go to the House of Lords to pass through all stages in that Chamber and to receive the Royal Assent.

To-night's debate was based on Labour amendments for modifying the scope of the measure, particularly by excluding from its operation articles, wholly or mainly manufactured, which may be used as raw materials in other industries.

Mr. Hore Belisha, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said that such matters would be borne in mind by the President of the Board of Trade in the exercise of his powers.

The Bill was designed to assist and not to impede industry.

For that reason, the Government had selected out of all the clauses in the import list, that class which did not deal with raw materials. The principles that would guide them in the administration of the measure had been indicated by Mr. Runciman, who had assured them that the powers would not be abused as he was fully alive to the delicacy of British industry and commerce, and to the narrow margins on which prosperity was retained.

Attention was called at question-time to the recent French decree imposing additional discriminatory duties on imports from various countries, including Britain and the Dominions.

On behalf of the President of the Board of Trade, who was asked whether retaliatory measures were contemplated, it was stated that the whole question of the appropriate action to be taken in the matter was engaging the serious consideration of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

In reply to another question on this subject, as to whether the French action was in conformity with the most favoured nation treaty with France, it was stated that although United Kingdom goods have received most favoured nation treatment in France in the matter of duties under French law for some fifty years, there was no treaty in force under which either country was bound to accord such treatment to the goods of the other.

GERMANY'S CAPACITY TO PAY

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
GATE POSITION

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

PARIS, Nov. 19. After a conversation between M. Laval and the German Ambassador this afternoon, a Franco-German agreement was finally reached on the text of the letter which Germany is to send to the Bank of International Settlements at Basel, asking for the convocation of the Young Plan Consultative Committee on Germany's capacity to pay.

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IRISH SWEEP ON MAN. HAND.

LUCKY HONG KONG
"MILKMAIDS."

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 20. The remaining 300 consolation prizes of £100 each in the Irish Sweepstake on the Manchester November Handicap were drawn to-day. The following are successful ticket-holders:—Five Milkmaids, c/o Dairy Farm, Hong Kong, holding ticket No. BMC 83504.

NEW ROLE FOR SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL

TO SET OUT ON TREASURE
HUNT

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 19. The world-famous racing motorist, holder of the land speed record of over 240 miles an hour, in company with four other well-known men, proposes to set off in January on a treasure hunt.

No secret is being made regarding their destination.

The expedition is bound for the Cocos Islands, in the Pacific Ocean to the south-west of Panama, in search of treasure said to have been hidden there by a famous pirate over a century ago.

CANADA'S PREMIER TO VISIT LONDON

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 19. The Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. R. B. Bennett, who is on a private visit to Europe will reach London to-morrow, and will be met by the Secretary for the Dominions (Mr. J. H. Thomas) and representatives of the Prime Minister and others.

Mr. Bennett is passing through London on his way to the South of France, where, for the benefit of his health, he will spend part of the winter.

ROUND - TABLE CONFERENCE

EQUAL TRADING RIGHTS
FOR ALL

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 19. Discussion was continued at the Indian Round Table Federal Structure Committee to-day, on the safeguards which would be necessary in connection with the scheme of a federation with responsibility at the centre. The session was also devoted to further speeches on the question of commercial discrimination.

Referring to the suggestion advanced by Mr. Javakar that where a small company was trying to make its way against a powerful company, a special way would be found of dealing with the circumstances, Lord Reading said he hoped it would not be persisted in. What some Indian politicians had in mind was that there might be discriminating administration or legislation penalising powerful British concerns so that the Indian concerns might flourish.

He said he would oppose it root and branch and added: "Just as we here throw everything open—right of entry, right of trading, and all other advantages—no we claim exactly the same thing in India for the British."

The discussion of commercial discrimination will be concluded on Monday and the Committee will then take up the question of financial administration.

It is unlikely that a Plenary Session will be held before Friday next week at the earliest.

Young Plan Consultative Committee on Germany's capacity to pay. It is understood that the letter will be sent to Basel to-morrow, and published in Berlin.

According to *Le Temps*, the letter declared "The German Government, in good faith, has come to the conclusion that Germany's exchange position and economic situation might be seriously menaced by the partial or total transfer of the defensible portion of the Young Plan annuity."

Sports News

THE REFLECTIONS OF A RABBIT.

*The tumult and the shouting dies,
The Captains and the Kings depart.*

The close of an Interport seems to me always rather a sad thing. As the week is most delightful, so the succeeding days are dull, and one is more and more conscious that another milestone is past. The older one is the more one feels, yet of course the older one is, the more consolation one gets out of the universal remark. "And now, thank goodness, I can really get some sleep." It may not generally be realized but to sit day after day watching every ball of a game and writing up a running account in the intervals of helping—or disturbing the scorer is a tremendous physical strain. I am not so sure that it is not more service than playing in the match itself.

Interport Dinner.

The dinner on Thursday night was most excellently arranged, and the orchestra had full marks. They played exactly the right sort of music through the meal. I speak as one who had to have before the conclusion of the dinner ("with my shield" not "on it") but I rather missed the handing over of the flag which—speaking as ever subject to correction—used to take place during the Captain's speech. However, everybody had a thoroughly pleasant evening.

Reflections.

And now that it is all over and we can see things in a better perspective, I should like to go over one or two points. I talked over my stated view that on a real Hong Kong team we should beat Shanghai nine times out of ten with Leach who, very naturally, did not agree. I am prepared to admit that I rather overstated the odds. But I still think that we should beat them if the ball was flying about as it so often does. In fact it is partly an extension of the remark that they beat us because they had the spin bowlers which the wicket demanded, and we had not. But the wicket of which I was speaking would have given far less assistance to their spin bowlers,

whereas our two fast bowlers would have had a chance at least. Pereira was practically out of action all the match, not because he bowled badly, but because the pitch robbed him of just that bit of zip that gets him his wicket. It is true that a batsman should be able to face his luck on all wickets. But it is not true that a bowler should be able to do the same thing. There are hundreds of instances in big cricket of the last place not being filled until half an hour before the game, so that the bowler best suited to the wicket could be chosen.

The Balanced Side.

I quite agree that the Shanghai team was better balanced than that of Hong Kong. It has been most interesting to hear the Shanghai opinions of each other, and to compare them with the ones one formed oneself on observation of the games. On the whole I gathered that while no batsman in particular did better than he was expected to, some of those who did not come off very much luckily played up to their form, or perhaps to expectation. I am thinking of Bayson, Murray and Booth in particular. One saw enough of the first two to know that they were most useful bats, Bayson in a rather ungainly but very solid style, and Murray in a free powerful but a bit chancy one. But, although I know that Booth is considered by Shanghai as a bat of great potentialities, I don't think I should have guessed it on his form here had I not been told so. On the other hand, his bowling on Saturday seemed to me to stamp him at once as a bowler of more than average ability. Yet I hardly gathered that Shanghai had such a high opinion of him as I had. Of course, this is founded on short observation and information gathered from casual conversations, and is merely my own idea. It may be quite wrong, but then critics always are wrong, and so long as they have avoided maliciousness as they would the Devil, or perhaps even more so, I don't see it really matters.

One or Two Old Friends.

Leach seems to me to be a real cricketer, and by that I mean that the bigger the event, and the more dangerous the situation, the better and more successful game does he play. I was particularly struck by the fact that in the Interport, when Hong Kong were batting and things were up for them, Leach managed to pull out one that got a wicket. Kermari has improved out of all recognition. He will never be a sparkling bat to watch I think, but he cuts beautifully, and I never saw him for a single moment look like getting out. When he did get out, I invariably felt myself rather surprised. One had little chance of judging his wicket-keeping but the little one saw proved that he is pretty good. But I confess that I did wish Ponsobny Fane could have seen one of the results of the hours and seasons he spent on coaching the University cricket. "For their work continueth."

Torry and Sam.

I fancy that the proper breeze did not blow for Torry and may be for Isaacs, too, as they did not have much luck with their bowling. Isaacs was always dangerous and liable to get a wicket, and so perhaps was Torry but the latter has developed a full toss which is expensive. He batted uncommonly well on occasion. Sam also batted very successfully.

Our Own Men.

As regards the Hong Kong side, I am, with deference, in no way prepared to agree that T. E. Pearce should consider retiring from the Hong Kong side. Outside of Shaw and Hargrave, I consider that Harry Owen Hughes and he are the two best bats in Hong Kong at the present time. It is true that he did not make runs this match, but then, last summer, Shaw got forty-nine and a hundred and nineteen against the New Zealanders, and four and four against Shanghai. Yet I fully expect to see him pick a hundred off the Club in the Triangular Tournament. One of the best features of the match was O. G. Simpson's cricket. While I always admitted the excellence of his many shots, I frankly admit that I did

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LADIES' HOCKEY.

INTER-CLUB MATCH TO-DAY.

There will be an inter-club match at Sookunpoo to-day at 3.30 p.m. when the teams will be:—

Colours: G. Little, I. Butler, B. Frankha, E. O'Hagan, M. Hudson, M. Whitlam, A. McElney, P. M. Harrop, E. Bonnar, E. Blackburn and A. G. Orma.

White: A. Nicol, E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, J. Whyte, M. Bird, M. Wallace, E. S. Laing, J. Dalziel, E. M. Denelan, C. Ferguson and R. King.

not consider him worth his place owing to his lack of caution early on. He most clearly proved me to be wrong and no one is more pleased, or more ready to admit it, than I am.

The Services.

Of the Services game, I can only say that I have seldom enjoyed a match more. I have already said what I think of Hargrave. If he does not play too many games—he has played for the Navy at Rugger as well as at Cricket—he will go a long way at Cricket, given mental poise. The Services put up a most hearty show, and Moir's fielding and batting were a delight to watch. Now that he has started, I do hope he will play League Cricket regularly.

At Kowloon.

I mean no disrespect to the K.C.C. players when I say that Shanghai was a little bit lag weary for the Thursday game. Nevertheless, they played good holiday cricket and went all out for a win until Leach saw that he had no chance against the clock. He then went in for a little light humour. Lyal bowled better than he has done for some time—he was faster, as his arm seems alright again now. Goodwin and Barnett also were good, but the catching was perfectly horrible. Several Shanghai players told me that they were much impressed with Mackay, and I think he will go far if he remembers the still has a bit to learn. He kept better at the end than at the beginning.

Will, I think we will leave it at that, and wish our Shanghai friends *au revoir*. And so, as a distinguished colleague of mine says, to bed.

R. ABBIT.

MACAO RACES.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW.

CANDIDATES' CHANCES DISCUSSED.

(By "MORNING DEW.")

The third extra race meeting of the Macao Race Club will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Arcin Preta, the first saddling bell being fixed for 1.30 p.m.

The a.s. Taishan and the Venezia will leave their respective wharves at 9 a.m. and will return from Macao at 5.15 p.m. No doubt a large number of local racing "fans" will make the trip.

First Race.

There are ten entries for the opening race over 6 furlongs, but as some of the ten have entered elsewhere, the field is not likely to be more than six. Glorious Stag has been running well lately and has a good chance here, if started. Mascot carries top weight—165 lbs.—but this should not deter his connections as obviously he has a good chance over six furlongs. Sans Souci is in at a light weight this time and would be worth watching.

The second race, also over six furlongs has ten entries and among these is Orlando with 105 pounds to carry. In spite of this weight, the pony should just about win as he appears to be much better than the other entries.

Brunswick Hall, if sent to the post, should prove to be a real danger to Orlando as the pony appears to like the going in Macao. Edenbridge is another candidate that one cannot afford to overlook. The third race for Macao subs has drawn eight entries, but it is improbable that form has changed sufficiently for any of the candidates to beat New King, which was so well in his last outing.

Celerity's Chances.

The fourth race is over a mile, and after Celerity's beautiful run at Fanling last week when he finished second to Sonny Boy, he should be in great demand. Movinagher and Arctic Eve are two likely candidates to extend him, but Celerity's chances of winning are distinctly good.

The fifth race of the day is for subs which have not won this year. A big dividend is likely as there is a very even field of seven entries. Cream Cracker appears to be the pick of the bunch. Shanghai Beau as As You Like It are both likely to upset things.

If Orlando is kept for the last race of the day, I should pick him to win, but he is not likely to start twice in the same afternoon. One Third ran very well against Rosalyn in Macao three weeks ago and might win again. Blue Boy ran well in Fanling last week and would be a good thing to back as a long shot. Brunswick Hall might be sent out here in which case he seems certain of a place.

SELECTIONS.

The selections are as follows:—

Race 1.

Glorious Stag.
Mascot.
Sans Souci.

Race 2.

Orlando.
Brunswick Hall.
Edenbridge.

Race 3.

New King.
Silver Arrow.
Jas Gentium.

Race 4.

Celerity.
Movinagher.
Arctic Eve.

Race 5.

Cream Cracker.
Shanghai Beau.
As You Like It.

Race 6.

One Third.
Blue Boy.
Brunswick Hall.

HOCKEY.

ANOTHER WIN FOR RADIO SPORTS CLUB.

The Radio Sports Club scored another victory last evening when they beat a team from H.M.S. Medway by four goals to one in a game which was characterized by fast play throughout.

The winners played a very good combined game and it was due to this that they won by such a comfortable margin. Guruchan Singh and Kalwant participated well on the right wing and were responsible for all the goals—each player getting one in each half. The only goal from the sailors came from their centre-forward who got through towards the end of the game.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. NAVY.

The Club team for the above match at 4.30 p.m. to-day will be:—
J. P. Whitham, G. P. Lammert, G. A. I. Plummer, S. J. H. Fox, W. D. Johnson, M. W. Turner, J. A. R. Selby, F. R. Burch, F. A. Merry, W. E. Peers, G. C. Moutrie, J. H. McElney, J. G. Devonshire, A. R. Cox and R. Stilliard.
Referee: Capt. Burnett, R.N.

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The public will have a last opportunity to-night of witnessing the A.D.C.'s great success "Dear Brutus." The play has attracted a good house at every performance and should not be missed.

Last night the performance went with a swing and the cast executed their parts well. It would be invidious to mention any names, but one feels that Sydney West as Loh gave a remarkable interpretation.

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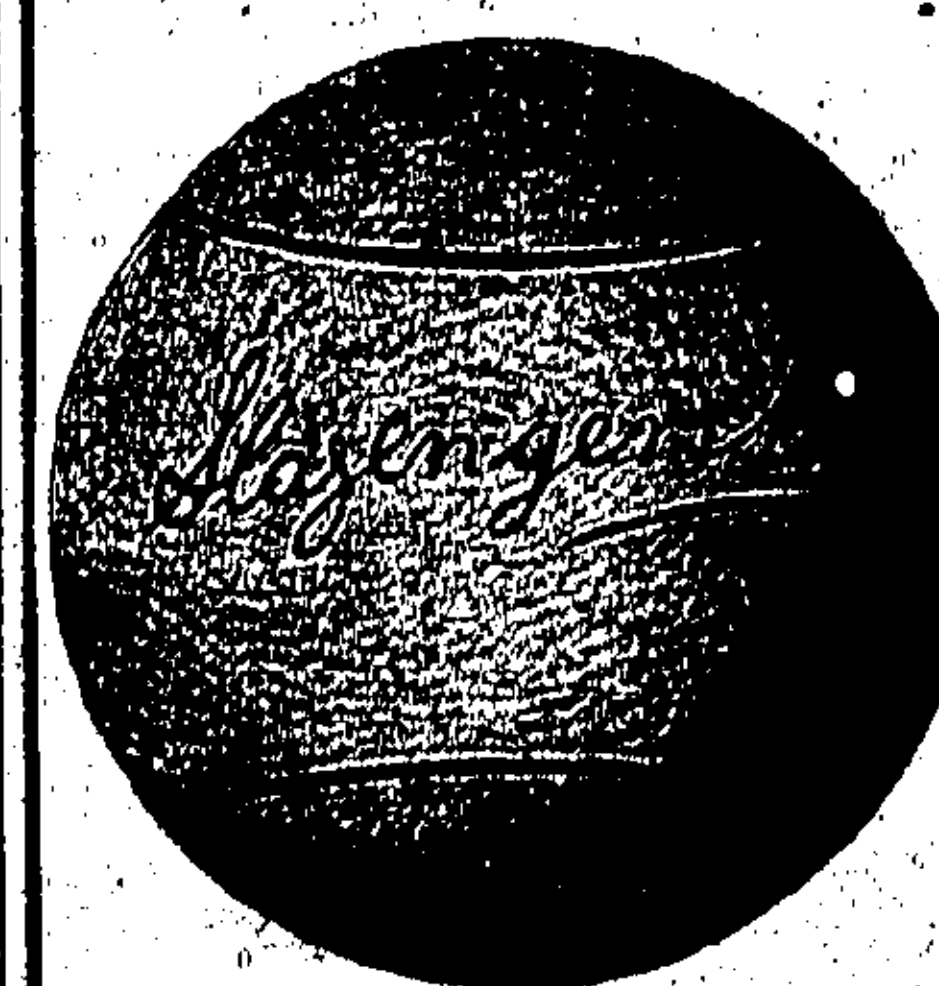
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GOLF.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

As two competitors O. E. C. Martin and W. N. Rogers have dropped out, the last pair in the draw are moved up.

B. D. de la Rosa and W. C. Shields at 9.30 and A. O. Brown with F. A. Redmond at 11.15. Other starting times are as already announced.

The suggested team championship will not be held.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING.

Championship of Colony and Jasper Clark Cup on Sunday, November 22.	
9.25 a.m.	D. D. Evans and A. E. Lissman.
9.30	E. D. de la Rosa and W. C. Shields.
9.35	A. Leach and C. E. Holmes.
9.40	A. C. I. Bowker and T. W. Shawan.
9.45	W. D. Denham and G. H. Russell.
9.50	H. U. Ireland and W. R. Vallance.
9.55	I. Newton and A. T. Briley.
10.00	L. C. S. Dodwell and J. W. Franks.
10.05	H. G. Sheldon and E. P. White.
10.10	C. B. Johnson and K. S. Robertson.
10.15	A. Sommerfeld and F. E. Booker.
10.20	L. H. Ruffin and D. C. Wilson.
10.25	D. M. MacDougall and A. B. Stewart.
10.30	J. K. MacFarlan and W. Mulcahy.
10.35	J. A. R. Selby and C. O. Stark.
10.40	D. J. Gilmore and A. W. du Rosa.
10.45	F. Syme Thomson and W. Taylor.
10.50	J. S. MacLaren and A. D. Humphreys.
10.55	E. H. Gens and C. W. F. Booker.
11.00	C. B. Musson and E. O. Priestley.
11.05	J. D. Thomson and D. G. Bruce.
11.10	C. B. Lane and G. R. Horridge.
11.15	A. O. Brown and F. A. Redmond.
11.20	C. W. Sewell and F. J. de Rome.
11.25	J. H. Anderson and A. E. Puyes.
11.30	A. B. Raworth and H. K. Hepburn.
11.35	T. D. E. Pendered and A. A. Lopez.
11.40	R. A. Campbell and F. A. Merry.
11.45	S. J. H. Fox and A. E. Chauman.
11.50	J. E. H. Cogan and F. E. A. Remedios.
11.55	K. K. Rounds and H. Lowe.
12.00 noon	J. Mandracchia and R. A. Rodgers.
12.05	F. H. Crappell and P. S. Grant.
12.10 p.m.	G. F. Hole and J. B. Lanvon.
12.15	E. R. Sandstrom and H. W. Duakes.
12.20	Major Roche Kelly and G. H. Wilson.
12.25	N. S. Ellis and T. R. Chassela.
12.30	J. P. Sherry and W. A. Codnell.
12.35	D. Forbes and C. Mycock.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Rotherham	v. Darlington.
Southport	v. Chester.
Stockport	v. Halifax.
Wrexham	v. Gateshead.
York	v. Hartlepool.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S LAI WAH CUP MATCH.

CIVILIANS AND NAVY.

The first game in the Lai Wah Cup competition, which is between the Civilians and the Navy, will be decided this afternoon on the Kowloon P.C. ground, kick-off at 2 o'clock sharp. The Civilians (who will be provided with white shirts on the ground) will be represented by the following: G. Redger; Martin, S. Stungie; G. Hedley, P. McKelvie (Capt.); S. Bliss; B. Gosano; Segalan, Howe, A. V. Gosano and C. Pile.

Reserves: — Brittain, Skinner, Moses and D. Leonard.

Referee: — Sgt. G. Caswell, R. A. Linesmen: — P.O. Cook and Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

League Changes.

Owing to the above match, there are no fixtures in the First Division of the League. In the Second Division the match arranged between the 12th Heavy Battery and the University has been postponed. A further alteration is that the Navy Reserves and Kowloon will play on the latter's ground instead of the Navy ground at Happy Valley, the kick-off being also advanced to 2.30 p.m. sharp. The following are the fixtures:—

Division II.
(Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.)

Navy v. Kowloon, Kowloon ground.
(Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.)

H.K.F.C. v. Argyle, Club ground.
R.A.O.C. v. S.W. Borderers, Soccer ground.

Division III.
(Kick-off at 2.25 p.m.)

Reserve v. R.A.F., King's Park.
R. E. v. Radio, St. Joseph's ground.
(Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.)

S.W. Borderers v. St. Joseph's, Chatham Road.

The following will play for the H.K.F.C. Reserves against the Argyle: — Fogwill; Krilovsky, Potoloff; Bailton, Panchen, Sloan; Bradbury, Duncan Reid Taylor, Smith. Reserves: — Hooper and Farrow.

Kowloon Reserves will turn out as follows against the Navy: — Gurevitch; Wells, London; Everest, I. Greenberg, Williams; Simpson, White, Nicholls, Cotton, Rickford.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUES.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following are the football fixtures for to-day in the English and Scottish Leagues:—

Division I.	
Aston Villa	v. Birmingham.
Bolton	v. Blackburn.
Chelsea	v. Arsenal.
Grimsby	v. Everton.
Huddersfield	v. Derby.
Leicester	v. Sunderland.
Liverpool	v. Manchester C.
Middlesbrough	v. Portsmouth.
Newcastle	v. West Brom.
Wednesday	v. Sheffield U.
West Ham	v. Blackpool.
Division II.	
Bradford	v. Oldham.
Burnley	v. Leeds.
Charlton	v. Plymouth.
Chesterfield	v. Bradford C.
Manchester U.	v. Bury.
Nottingham	v. Millwall.
Preston N.E.	v. Swansea.
Southampton	v. Barnsley.
Stoke	v. Notts C.
Tottenham	v. Port Vale.
Wolves	v. Bristol C.
Division III. (South).	
Bournemouth	v. Reading.
Brighton	v. Brentford.
Bristol R.	v. Cardiff.
Clapton O.	v. Gillingham.
Crystal P.	v. Southend.
Mansfield	v. Thames.
Norwich	v. Exeter.
Queen's P.R.	v. Northampton.
Swindon	v. Coventry.
Torquay	v. Luton.
Watford	v. Fulham.
Division III. (North).	
Aberdeen	v. Walsall.
Cardiff	v. New Brighton.
Cowee	v. Barrow.
Dunfermline	v. Lincoln.
Grimsby	v. Hull.

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR OCTOBER

IMPROVEMENT ON SEPTEMBER AND ON LAST YEAR.

UNITED KINGDOM IMPORTS INCREASE BY \$5.9 MILLIONS.

According to the trade returns compiled by the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department, imports of merchandise into Hong Kong during the month of October amounted to a declared value of \$84.6 millions, representing increases of \$1.1 million as compared with the previous month, and \$11.4 millions as compared with October of last year.

Exports were declared to a value of \$49.3 millions, an increase of \$4.5 millions as compared with September, and an increase of \$2.9 millions as compared with October 1930.

The October figures recorded a definite advance by the United Kingdom in the import trade, while Japan sustained a set-back. The British share of the total increasing from 11 per cent. to 11.9 per cent., while the Japanese share fell from 13.6 per cent. to 12.3 per cent. as compared with October 1930.

Imports from the United Kingdom increased from \$5.9 millions to \$7.7 millions, while the Japanese figure fell from \$7.2 millions to \$4.7 millions.

Total imports of Piece Goods increased from \$11.8 millions to \$14.8 millions, the British share appreciating from \$2.7 millions (23.1 per cent. of the total) to \$4.7 millions (31.4 per cent.), while the Japanese share fell from \$3.4 millions (28.8 per cent.) to \$1.8 millions (12 per cent.).

IMPORTS.	
	October 1931
Merchandise	\$84,604,000
Treasure	\$5,760,384
Total	\$90,364,384
EXPORTS.	
	October 1931
Merchandise	\$49,513,518
Treasure	\$8,519,231
Total	\$58,032,749

MONTHLY FLUCTUATIONS.

Since October of last year imports of merchandise have fluctuated from the lowest dollar value (\$3.2 millions) in that month to the highest (\$18.3 millions) in March 1931, while exports fluctuated from \$27.7 millions in February 1931 to \$44.4 millions in March 1931. The figures are given below (in thousands) with the sterling equivalents, at average rates of exchange in brackets:—

	Imports.	Exports.
October	\$84,604,000 (\$23,433)	\$49,513,518 (\$23,009)
November	\$85,110 (\$23,516)	\$42,699 (\$22,684)
December	\$86,110 (\$23,586)	\$43,509 (\$22,779)
January	\$89,500 (\$25,500)	\$47,973 (\$23,391)
February	\$85,592 (\$23,592)	\$37,721 (\$21,729)
March	\$11,773 (\$2,670)	\$44,434 (\$21,111)
April	\$64,701 (\$23,167)	\$46,030 (\$22,253)
May	\$88,117 (\$23,709)	\$42,054 (\$21,054)
June	\$57,376 (\$23,740)	\$43,855 (\$21,101)
July	\$58,012 (\$23,500)	\$41,693 (\$21,030)
August	\$60,878 (\$23,617)	\$44,050 (\$21,111)
September	\$63,460 (\$23,222)	\$44,030 (\$21,234)
October	\$84,604 (\$23,601)	\$49,513 (\$21,901)

Mean rate of exchange for October 1931 H.K. \$=1s. 2d.

Owing to pressure on our space publication of further details has been held over.

FRANCO-GERMAN DISCUSSIONS.

SNAG OVER REPARATIONS PAYMENTS.

Berlin, November 7.—That the Franco-German negotiations, carried on for the moment between Premier Laval and Ambassador von Hoesch have again struck a snag, was revealed to-day in dispatches from Paris.

France, it is declared, is still adhering to her view that the reparation payments must be resumed next year and must, moreover, have precedence over Germany's private obligations. Furthermore, it is understood that France insists upon a strict limitation of the scope of the enquiry to be conducted into Germany's financial situation by a bankers' commission under the auspices of the Bank of International Settlement.

All this, it was declared in political quarters to-night, is not conducive of speeding up the negotiations between the two countries or even of rendering them easier. The Reich, it was stated, was extremely anxious that the bankers' commission determine its total indebtedness at home and abroad, and the German Government must, therefore, insist upon the terms of reference of the commission being as wide as possible. Only by this method, it was declared, could Germany's capacity to pay be definitely ascertained and unless the French Government agreed to this, the commission would be severely handicapped with the result that the issue would merely be postponed instead of solved.

FORMOSANS MURDER POLICEMEN.

OUTRAGE BY SAVAGE TRIBES. MEN, WOMEN SLAIN.

Taihek, Formosa, November 8.—Two Japanese policemen and the

wife of one of them were murdered on Saturday morning by Formosan tribesmen. Bright Colours Popular. The savages of the Kayato tribes near Pistan in the Tosei district of Taithe Province, Formosa, according to official dispatches received here to-day.

A daughter of one of the policemen also was injured by the attacking wild men. Attaches of the Governor General's office have ordered an investigation of the Pistan attack. No motive for the incident has been established.

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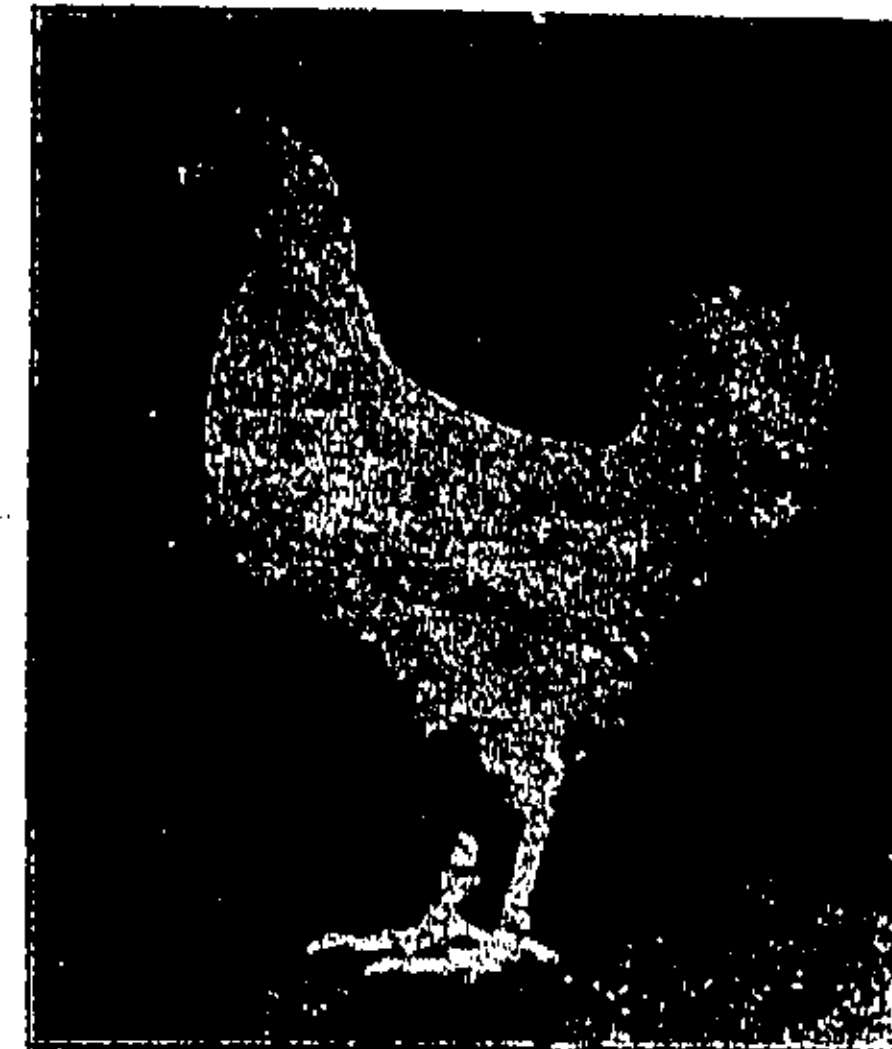
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Sunday next before Advent:—
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Roly Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Matins and Evensong at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—The Bishop of Victoria.
Evening at 6 p.m.

Preacher:—The Rev. Paul T'ao,
Vicar of St. Paul's Church.

Special Notices.

Evening and Address at Protestant
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SUNDAY SERVICES, November 22, 1931, at
11.15 a.m.—

Subject:—SOUL AND BODY.

The Sunday School is held on Sunday
Mornings at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Meeting at
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Reading Room at above address, open:
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SUNDAY SERVICES on Nov. 22, 1931:—
Morning Service at 11 a.m.
Preacher:—Rev E. G. Powell.

Sunday School:—
Kennedy Road at 10 a.m.
Telok at 4.45 p.m.
8 o'clock after Evening Service.
Evening Worship at 6 p.m.

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Service Men's Social Hour at 3.15 p.m.

MONDAY, November 23, 1931:—
Meeting of the Ladies' Church Aid.
3 p.m.

TUESDAY, November 24, 1931:—
Fellowship Meeting at 4 p.m.

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HONG KONG STOCK
EXCHANGE.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Hong Kong, November 20.—A fair
amount of business has been trans-
acted during the week, as prices
which show little variation, al-
though there has been a few im-
provements in the rates for several
stocks, as detailed below. The
market closed comparatively quiet
owing to the preparations for the
forthcoming Settlement (November
21). It should be noted that during
the period sterling exchange
dropped from 1/3 1/4 to 1/3 1/2.

Banks.—The movement in the
sterling rate has caused Hong Kong
and Shanghai Banks to advance to
\$1.57 1/2, at which they close in de-
mand. The London price has reced-
ed to \$1.05 (middle).

Insurance.—Cantons remain
weak at \$1.40. Unions were done
at \$4.15/\$4.30. China Underwriters
have fluctuated between \$4 1/2 and
\$4.70. China Fires and unchanged.
Hong Kong Fire continue neglected
at \$1.45.

Shipping.—There has been next to
nothing doing in this section of our
list. The demand for Indo-China
(deformed) at \$4.35 has not been main-
tained, and the rate is nominal.

Mining.—With the exception of
Ruhls, which took a sudden jump
from \$2.31 to \$2.51, due to the
clarification of an unexpectedly higher
interim dividend of 3/4, there has
been little interest in this section
and all stocks are at nominal quotations.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.—
Kowloon Wharves were booked at
\$150/\$153 and close in demand at
\$151. Whampoa Docks have been
neglected at \$314. Providents (old)
have been in demand throughout the
period and \$3.20 would be paid for
shares. The new shares were dealt
in at \$2.45, and continue in request.
Hongkongas are \$1.30, New En-
gineeringas \$1.35, and Shanghai
Docks \$1.35—all nominal.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—
Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels
(old) have again shown activity
and have been the medium of a
large business at various rates
up to \$15, and close in demand at
\$14 1/2. The new shares are
wanted at \$14 1/2. Hong Kong Lands
were dealt in at \$30 1/2, closing at this
in demand. Humphreys (old) are
wanted at \$15, and the new shares
at \$17 1/2. Hong Kong Realities have
fetched \$114. Chinese Estates are
nominal at \$93.

Public Utilities.—Hong Kong
Trams have been in good demand
throughout the week. Sales were
put through at the outset at \$20 1/2,
but the market closed with sellers at
\$21. Peak Trams (old) and (new)
are still nominal at \$14 1/2 and \$6.35,
respectively. Star Ferries are en-
quired for at the enhanced quotation
of \$92. China Lights were done
at \$27.10/\$27 1/2, closing in demand at
the former rate. Hong Kong Elec-
trics were negotiated at \$7 1/2 and
continue in demand at this figure.
Telephones (part paid) changed
hands at \$36.20.

Industrials.—Cements (combined)
were transacted at \$18 1/2/\$19, and
close on offer at \$19.50. Hong Kong
Ropes were dealt in at \$17, and close
nominal at this rate.

Stores, Etc.—Dairy Farms were
put through at \$23 1/2/\$24.60, closing
with sellers at the latter rate.
Watsons were placed at \$15 1/2,
Lane, Crawford's (old) and (new)
are both at nominal rates.

Miscellaneous.—Hong Kong Am-
usements are easier and were done
at \$10. Constructions (old) were
dealt in at \$4.20/\$4.30. The new
shares, after fetching \$2.40, were
sold down to \$2. Hong Kong Gov-
ernment Loan has been in demand
during the week at 82 p.c. net
premium.

Cotton Mills.—Ewas were the
medium of a large turnover at \$15.
10/11 1/2, and close in demand at
\$15.35. Shanghai Cottons are \$15.
\$5 and Zong Sing's \$12—both
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AN INTERVIEW WITH
MAURICE CHEVALIER.

(Continued from Page 5.)

"Boule."

Almost the first thing he told me
after we had been seated in the
lunch room a few minutes later was
his enthusiasm for a game called
Boule that he is introducing to
America.

"It is fine for anyone who is
fond of moderate outdoor exercise,"
Maurice said. "I play it whenever
I go to my place at Cannes, France
and in Hollywood. It would be
a marvellous game for you athletic
Americans to take up."

"Explain it," we begged.

"Well, it's simply a form of your
own bowling game. It is played
with eight rivet-studded balls, each
the size of a baseball. Two players
engage in the contest and bowl the
balls a distance of thirty-five feet
trying to land as near a small white
stone, the size of a golf ball, as
possible.

"Four balls are thrown by each
player and then the total added,
usually to a final winning total
of twenty-one. In order to dis-
tinguish one player's markings
from another the balls are riveted
in different designs."

His Superstitions.

We got to talking about other
and the matter of superstitions
arose. Although the Frenchman
maintains that he is not super-
stitious, he invariably has been ob-
served with two lucky talismans.

One of them is a simple wedding
ring that he purchased for his
mother with the first money he ever
earned on the stage in France.
After his mother's death he began
to wear the ring at all times, be-
lieving that it brings him "good
fortune."

The other charm is a most un-
usual heavy bamboo cane that was
given to him early in his rise to
fame by his friend and co-worker,
De Mux, the noted French trage-
dian. Chevalier has carried the
cane in nearly every show he has
been in. "It was first featured a
few years ago when he used it
through a complicated dance rou-
tine. Since that time the cane has
become as much a part of his char-
acter as Chali's shoes is to the
Comedian."

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ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

ADEN.

Andre Lebon, M.M., Nov. 24.
Felix Roussel, M.M., Dec. 8.
G. Metzinger, M.M., Dec. 23.
Somali, P. & O., Dec. 26.

ALGERIA.

Pros. Adams, Dollar, Nov. 20.
Pros. Harrison, Dollar, Dec. 13.
Pros. Hayes, Dollar, Dec. 27.
Pros. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 10.

ALGIERS.

Nanking, Gilman, Nov. 27.
Tamara, Gilman, Dec. 27.
Peiping, Gilman, Jan. 27.

AMCOY.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Nov. 21.
Sirdhana, M. M. & Co., Nov. 22.
Anhui, B. & S., Nov. 23.

Haiching Douglas, Nov. 24.
Tijadane, J.C.J.L., Nov. 25.
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WEEK-END RADIO PROGRAMMES.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 355 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme of Columbia records.
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby mid-day Press news, mail notice, etc.
2 p.m.—Close down.
4 to 7 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.
7 to 11.30 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records.
7 p.m.—Mail notice, etc.
7.03 to 7.10 p.m.—

Variety.

Orchestral—"Paysage."
Orchestral—"L'Heure Exquise."
—Jean Lensen and his Orchestra.—4011.
Vocal Duet—"Jeannine, I Dream of Lillie Time."
Vocal Duet—"I'm Riding to Glory."—Layton and Johnson.—5239.
Vocal Quartette—"Here We Are Again—Medley of Song Hits."—The Big Four.—DX274.
Saxophone Solo—"Llewellyn Waltz."
Saxophone Solo—"Sonnet."—Rudy Wiedoeft.—4078.
Entertainer—"Side by Side."—Norman Long at the Piano.—5178.
9 p.m.—Local time and weather report.
7.10 to 8.05 p.m.—

Band Selections.

"Nell Gwyn Dances" (German).—Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—4971/4972.
Humoresque (Dvorak).—Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—4972.
Boud of Friendship (Rogan).—Strauss March (Mezzacapo).—Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.—4359.
8.05 to 8.19 p.m.—

Hawaiian Music.

"Isle of Oahu."
"Waters of Waikiki."—Frank Ferrer (Steel Guitar).—3743.
"Dreamy Nights in Honolulu."—Frank Ferrer (Steel Guitar).—4807.
"The Farmer's Dream."—Frank Ferrer (Guitar Solo).—3744.
5.19 to 6.07 p.m.—

A Concert.

Vocal Duet—"The Keys of Heaven" (arr. Broadwood and Fuller Mainland).
Vocal Duet—"Very Own Pierrette" (arr. Graham).—Dora Labette and Hubert Bisdell.—4807.
Violin Solo—"Poupee Valsante" (Poldini-Kreisler).
Violin Solo—"The Song of Songs" (Moy).—Sacha Jacobson.—4771.
Song—"Away for Rio" (arr. Carey).
Song—"Shenandoah" (arr. Carey).—Arthur Jordan (Tenor).—3566.
Piano Solo—"Hungaria" (Doutet).
Piano Solo—"Isolina" (Doutet).—Clement Doute.—4860.
Negro Spiritual Song—"Run, Mary, Run" (arr. Gion).
Negro Spiritual Song—"Nobody Knows da Trouble I See" (arr. Gion).—Edna Thomas (Soprano).—5194.
Violin Solo—"Rondino" (Beethoven-Kreisler).
Violin Solo—"Song of India" (Rimsky-Korsakov-Kreisler).—Yovanovitch Braun.—4823.
Song—"In an Old-Fashioned Town" (W. H. Squire).
Song—"Cobbin'" (Sanderson).—Edgar Coyle (Baritone).—2808.
9.07 to 9.25 p.m.—

Octettes.

"Minuet Sicillienne" (J. H. Squire and Hart).
"Minuet in D" (Mozart, arr. Willoughby).—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.—DB75.
"Chanson" (Prin).
"Baby's Sweetheart" (Corri).—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.—3597.
"The Picanninies' Picnic" (J. H. Squire).
"Twilight on the Waters" (J. H. Squire).—J. H. Squire Celeste Octette.—DB92.
9.23 to 11.30 p.m. (approx.).—

Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—"I've Found What I Wanted in You."
Fox Trot—"Wha'da Jo to Me."—CB297.
Fox Trot—"White Horse Inn—It would be Wonderful."
Waltz—"White Horse Inn—White Horse Inn."—CB297.
Fox Trot—"Smiles—Time on my Hands."

Fox Trot—"Smiles—I'm Glad I Waited."—CB270.

Fox Trot—"What a Fool I've Been."

Waltz—"The Twilight Waltz."—CB350.

Fox Trot—"White Horse Inn—Your Eyes."

Fox Trot—"White Horse Inn—You Two."—CB271.

One Step—"In Old Madrid."

Waltz—"In the Gloaming."—CB321.

Fox Trot—"What's Keeping my Prince Charming?"

Fox Trot—"You Can't Stop Me From Lovin' you."—CB342.

Fox Trot—"Love for Sale."

Waltz—"Springtime Reminds Me of You."—CB313.

Fox Trot—"Radio Nights."

Fox Trot—"Down Sunnyside Lane."—CB343.

Waltz—"The Little old Church in the Valley."

Fox Trot—"True and Sincere Love."—CB311.

Fox Trot—"Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams."

Fox Trot—"Sitting at a Table Laid for Two."—CB330.

Fox Trot—"African Lament."

Waltz—"Lucerne."—CB335.

Fox Trot—"The Way to Paradise."

Fox Trot—"The Wedding of the Garden Insects."—CB315.

Fox Trot—"Parkin' in the Moonlight."

Waltz—"Put Your Loving Arms Around Me."—CB338.

Fox Trot—"I'd Rather be a Beggar with You."

Fox Trot—"I'm a Hundred Per Cent in Love With You."—CB310.

One Step—"Lights of Paris."

Tango—"Old Spanish Moon."—CB329.

Fox Trot—"If I Could Turn Back the Clock."

Fox Trot—"Let Love Take Care of You."—CB319.

Waltz—"Viktoria and Her Hussar—Pardon Madame."

Waltz—"Viktoria and Her Hussar—Good Night."—CB345.

11.30 p.m. (approx.).—Relay of the 3rd act of "Dear Brutus" by kind permission of the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club.

12.15 a.m. (approx.).—Rugby mid-day Press news.

12.30 a.m. (approx.).—Close down.

The recorded music in the above European programmes is supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

SUNDAY.

11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.—Relay of Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.15 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.

1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

2 p.m.—Close down.

2 to 10 p.m.—European programme of Victor records supplied by Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.

8.03 to 8.30 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Waltz" (Ravel).
"Dances of the Spirits of the Earth" (Gustav Holst).—Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert Contes.—9130/9131.
"Oheron"—Overture (Weber).—Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert Contes.—9122.
5.30 to 8.03 p.m.—

A Concert.

Violoncello Solo—"Fond Recollections" (Popper).
Violoncello Solo—"Impromptu" (Popper).—Phyllis Krauter.—4185.
Song—"Il Bacio" (Arditi).
Song—"Ciribibin" (Pestalozzi).—Lucresia Bori (Soprano).—1262.
Piano Solo—"Naila" (Delibes-Dohnanyi).
Piano Solo—"Liebestraum" (Liszt).—Wilhelm Bachhaus.—5582.
Song—"Oh! Could I But Express in Song" (Malashkin).
Song—"The Blind Ploughman" (Radelyte-Hall-Clark).—Feodor Chalapin (Bass).—1305.
Violin Solos—(a) "La Cancion del Olvido" (Serrano-Perisier); (b) "Rondo" (Sporer-Perisier).
Violin Solo—"Chant d'Espagne" (Song of Spain) (Samazouilh).—Master Yehudi Menuhin.—7317.
6.00 to 8.25 p.m.—

Operatic.

"Prince Igor"—Overture (Borodin).—Symphony Orch.—9123.
"The Rhinegold"—Entrances of the Gods into Valhalla (Wagner).—Symphony Orch.—9109.
9.27 to 10 p.m.—
"Sonata No. 9, in A Major" (Kreutzer Sonata) (Beethoven).—(Continued on next column).

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Ausonia due from Europe Jan. 11.
Agamemnon due from Europe Jan. 27.
Agamemnon due from Europe Dec. 21.
Aurora due from America Nov. 21.
Autolycus due from Europe Dec. 5.
Change due from Australia Dec. 11.
Emp. of Asia due from Vancouver Jan. 11.
Emp. of Canada due from Vancouver Nov. 27.
Emp. of Russia due from Vancouver Dec. 17.
Eunaeus due from Europe Dec. 27.
Fulda due from Europe Jan. 12.
Hector due from Europe Dec. 11.
Helenus due from Europe Nov. 30.
Isar due from Europe Nov. 29.
Ixion due from Seattle Dec. 3.
Kulmerland due from Europe Dec. 27.
Machon due from Europe Jan. 11.
Medon due from Europe Jan. 11.
Menelaus due from Europe Jan. 4.
Mentor due from Europe Nov. 23.
Phemius due from New York Jan. 9.
Pres. Adams due from America Nov. 27.
Pres. Coolidge due from America Nov. 30.
Pres. Harrison due from America Dec. 12.
Pres. Madison due from America Dec. 4.
Prousen due from Europe Dec. 9.
Ramses due from Europe Nov. 22.
Rhenor due from New York Dec. 9.
Saale due from Europe Dec. 26.
Saarland due from Europe Nov. 20.
Sawa Maru due from Europe Dec. 14.
Taiping due from Australia Jan. 8.
Titan due from Europe Dec. 31.
Tyndarus due from Victoria, B.C., Dec. 29.

hova Op. 47).—Alfred Cortot (Pianist) and Jacques Thibaud (Violinist).—M-72.
1st Movement—"Adagio sostenuto"—Presto.
2nd Movement—"Andante con variazioni."
3rd Movement—"Finale—Presto."
10 p.m.—Close down.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PIANO CONCERTO.

MONDAY'S BROADCAST LECTURE.

Monday's radio programme includes a short lecture on the Development of the Piano Concerto given by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith. In illustration of the Concertos mentioned in this lecture, a number of records will be broadcast in the next few weeks on Mondays and Fridays as the last item on the programmes at about 9.45 p.m.

The following is the order in which they will be broadcast:

Monday, Nov. 23.—Grieg's Concerto in A Minor.

Friday, Nov. 27.—Beethoven's Concerto No. 2.

Monday, Nov. 30.—Chopin's Concerto in F Minor.

Friday, Dec. 4.—Chopin's Concerto in E Minor.

Monday, Dec. 7.—Schumann's Concerto in A Minor.

Friday, Dec. 11.—Liszt's Concerto.

Monday, Dec. 14.—Liszt's Hungarian Fantasia.

Friday, Dec. 18.—Franck's Variations Symphoniques.

Monday, Dec. 21.—Brahm's Concerto in B Flat Major.

Friday, Dec. 25.—Tchaikowsky's Concerto in B Flat Minor.

Monday, Dec. 28.—Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 in C Minor.

S.S. "PRESIDENT LINCOLN"
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ITALIAN SHIPPING MERGER.

BETTER SERVICES TO FAR EAST EXPECTED.

Rome, Nov. 11.—A marked improvement in the services to India and the Far East is expected from the merger of the principal Italian shipping lines into two great organisations, which was announced to-day.

These two organisations will be known as the Italia and the Lloyd Triestino. The first will comprise the Lloyd Sabaudia, the Navigazione Generale and the Consolich companies while the second will include the Lloyd Triestino, the Marittimi Italiani and the Servizi Marittimi.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s STEAMER "CORFU"

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Gossard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Monday and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 9th December, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents. Hong Kong, 19th Nov, 1931. [148]

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Buyers	Sellers	Rate	Normal	FRIDAY. NOV. 20.	Buyers	Sellers	Rate	Normal
Banks								
			\$1,675	H.K. Banks				\$1,575
			2106	Do. (London)				
			2131	Chartered Banks				2124
			2194	Mercantile Bks. "A"				2194
			274	Do. "C"				274
			1134	Bank of East Asia				11294
				N. O. & S. Banks				88
Insurances								
			\$1,450	Canton Insurances		31,390		
				Underwriters	\$4,70		\$4,75	
				North Chinas				
		\$430		Union Insurances	\$430	\$435	430,5	
				Yungtze Insurances				
			1600	China Firs				\$1,80
			\$1,450	H.K. Firs				\$1,400
Shipping								
			\$384	Douglases				\$385
			\$264	Steamboats				\$26
			\$36	Indos (pref.)	85/			
				Do. (def.)	80/	86/		
			43/8	Shell Transports	32/			
			\$25	Water-boats				\$27
Mining								
			\$14	Benguet				\$12
	\$24			Yanzhen Gold Flds.				\$11
			31/3	Kailash				30/
				Langkai (comb.)				T.13
			T.4,96	Do. (single)				T.34
			T.2	Explorations				T.1,66
			T.44	Shanghai Loans				T.44
	\$45	\$424		Rauba	\$424			
				Tromoh Mines	12,5			
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
				H.K. & K. Wharfs	\$151	\$153	\$153	
\$151		151/10		Providents (old)	\$5,15	\$5,20	\$5,10/	36
\$5,10				Do. (new)	\$2,45		\$2,50	
\$2,45				H.K. Docks				
			\$314	B. China Motors "A"				
			\$10	Do. "B"				\$10
			\$13	Shanghai Docks				\$13
			T.64	New Engineerings				T.6
			T.210	Hongkew				
Land, Hotels, and Buildings								
\$15	\$15,16	15,10/	30	H.K. Hotels (old)		\$154	15,30	
\$144				Do. (new)				\$14
\$30				H.K. Lands	\$36			
			T.324	Shanghai Lands				
\$114	\$114	\$114		H.K. Realty			\$11,4	65
\$18		\$18		Humphreys (old)	\$ 8, 0			
		\$174		Do. (new)	\$17,4			
			\$36	Chinese Estates				
Cotton Mills								
T. 6,30		16,35/	20	Ecos	T15 10		T15,25	
			T.85	Shai Cottons				T.85
			T.14	Zhong Sing				T.14
Public Utilities								
		\$31		Tramways	\$301	\$4,04	121,0	
			\$114	Peak Trans (old)				\$144
			\$5,35	Do. (new)				\$7
\$ 2				Star Ferries	\$204			
			\$28	Yanwai Ferries	\$284		604/01	
\$27				China Lights	\$27	\$274	\$27,4	
\$754				H.K. Electric	\$764			
			\$33	Macao do				
			\$13	Sandakan Lights				
				Telephones (fully pd.)				
				Do. (part pd.)	\$28		28,30/	25
			T17,50	China Buses				
			4/	Tractions				- 7/
			19/	Do. (pref.)				
Industrials								
			\$0,50	China Sugars				
			\$19	Malabar Sugars				\$29
			T.14	Calbeck, (ord.)				
			T.104	Macgregors (pref.)				
			\$8,80	Canton Ice				
		19,18	90	Comments (comb.)	\$12,75	\$18,85	\$18,75	
			\$124	Do. (old)				\$14
			\$8	Do. (new)				\$5
			\$17	Ropes	\$124		\$164	
Miscellaneous								
		\$224/		Dairy Farms	\$28		\$2 4	
			\$1	Der A. Winge				
			\$19	Amusements (old)		\$23		
			\$16	Ch. E'tainments (old)	\$18			
			\$15	Do. (new)	\$124			
			\$64	Constructions, old)				64
				Do. (new)				\$2
\$24			\$6,90	Lane Crawford (old)				\$0,70
			204	Do. (new)				\$6,50
			\$19	Mackintosh				
			\$104	Sinceres	\$12,75	\$18,85	\$18,75	
				Watsons	\$ 5			
			\$3,60	Wm. Powells				\$2,80
			\$11	S. C. Enterprises		\$10		
			60/	B. Ind. G. Bonds				56/
2/	prem.			H.K. Govt. Loans	\$102			

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WATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 22nd Nov., 3 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	On 23rd Nov., 10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	On 23rd Nov., 3 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 25th Nov., 10 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	On 25th Nov., 3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	On 26th Nov., 5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 28th Nov., 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 1st Dec., 10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	On 2nd Dec., 5 p.m.
SWATOW, WATOW, SHANGHAI	On 4th Dec., 10 a.m.
CHONGKONG & TIENTSIN	On 4th Dec., 2.30 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	On 4th Dec., 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 6th Dec., 10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 8th Dec., 10 a.m.

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STATION	NOVEMBER 19, 1931.										NOVEMBER 20, 1931.									
	Barometer at Sea Level		Thermometer		Wind		Rain		Sun		Barometer at Sea Level		Thermometer		Wind		Rain		Sun	
	Inches	Milli.	Fahrenheit	Celsius	Direction	Force	Amount	Time	Duration	Time	Inches	Milli.	Fahrenheit	Celsius	Direction	Force	Amount	Time	Duration	Time
Wladivostok	30.29	767.8	41	5	W	4	b	8	30.39	773.0	18	...	NW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	30.00	762.0	...	...	W	4	b	...	30.00	762.0	...	...	W	4	b	...	...	...	...	...
Hakodate	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNH	1	...	...	30.16	764.5	...	...	N	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	30.40	767.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	30.32	767.5	...	...	WSW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshi	30.23	767.5	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	30.34	768.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	30.20	767.0	...	...	E	1	...	...	30.30	767.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	30.12	765.0	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	30.04	763.0	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	30.09	762.0	...	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	30.06	763.5	...	...	NE	2	...	...	29.98	761.5	...	...	ENE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	29.94	762.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	E	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	30.25	763.5	44	6	SSW	2	...	...	30.36	771.1	48	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chafco	30.26	763.7	50	9	E	2	...	...	30.26	768.5	54	...	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	30.33	769.6	60	16	NE	1	...	...	30.29	769.3	58	...	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...
Gutzlaff	30.33	769.6	60	16	NE	1	...	...	30.29	769.3	58	...	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...
Wanchow	30.08	764.0	65	18	E	2	...	...	30.10	764.5	67	...	N	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Poochow	30.12	765.0	73	23	E	4	b	...	30.07	763.8	69	...	NE	4	of	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	29.99	761.7	73	23	E	4	b	...	30.05	763.2	67	...	E	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	30.12	765.2	77	25	E	4	b	...	30.09	762.0	61	...	E	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	30.05	763.2	77	25	N	2	b	...	29.96	760.9	61	...	NNH	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	30.03	762.7	81	27	N	2	b	...	29.93	760.7	63	...	NNH	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	30.03	762.7	79	26	NE	4	b	...	29.93	760.7	63	...	NNH	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Kashan	30.03	762.7	79	26	NE	4	b	...	29.93	760.7	63	...	NNH	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	30.03	762.7	79	26	NE	4	b	...	29.93	760.7	63	...	NNH	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	30.00	762.0	74	23	E	3	b	...	30.02	762.5	72	...	ENE	5	b	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	30.02	762.5	72	22	ENE	4	b	...	30.02	762.5	72	...	ENE	5	b	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	29.99	761.8	76	24	ENE	2	b	...	29.99	761.8	67	...	ESE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	29.97	761.3	74	23	NE	6	...	...	29.96	760.9	74	...	NE	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prata Island	29.99	761.8	79	26	SE	4	b	...	30.01	762.1	67	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	29.94	760.6	76	24	E	4	b	...	29.96	760.9	74	...	E	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	29.93	759.5	81	27	E	4	b	...	29.97	759.8	77	...	NW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	29.93	759.5	81	27	E	4	b	...	29.97	759.8	77	...	NW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...
Baco	29.93	759.5	79	26	NE	4	b	...	29.94	759.9	79	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	29.93	759.5	81	27	NE	4	b	...	29.94	759.9	79	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	29.93	759.5	81	27	NE	4	b	...	29.94	759.9	79	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	29.93	759.5	81	27	NE	4	b	...	29.94	759.9	79	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	29.74	753.8	86	30	NE	2	...	...	29.77	756.1	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	29.72	753.8	88	32	NE	2	...	...	29.73	754.9	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.69	754.2	86	30	NW	4	b	...	29.74	755.4	74	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacolban	29.68	753.8	89	32	N	4	...	...	29.73	755.2	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	29.67	753.7	86	30	W	2	b	...	29.73	755.3	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	29.67	753.7	86	30	W	2	b	...	29.73	755.3	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	12.22	29.65	753.0	...	...	...	...	...	29.65	753.0	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.65	753.0	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.65	753.0	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pelau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.65	753.0	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.95	760.3	85	6	NNW	6	bc	29.89	759.8	72	1	S	8	...	...	...	...	...	...

November 20d. 10h. 45m.—The typhoon appears to be about 500 miles east of Legaspi moving W. or W.N.W.

A new anticyclone has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Manila warning, 19d. 11h. 00m.—Typhoon in Lat. 12° N. Long. 188° E., moving W.N.W. Reel. 19d. 11h.

30m. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 74.88

inches, against an average of 81.57 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 21.

DISTRICT.	FORECAST.
A.—Shanghai to Turnabout	N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
B.—Turnabout to Hong Kong	N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
C.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh; fine generally.
D.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits	N.E. winds, fresh; fine generally.
E.—North China Sea	N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, local rain.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, November 20.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at at at

at 4 p.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Baromet. 30.38 3.10 29.97

Temperature 71 71 71

Humidity 65 67 66

Wind Direction E E E

Force 3 4 3

Weather B B B

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.30

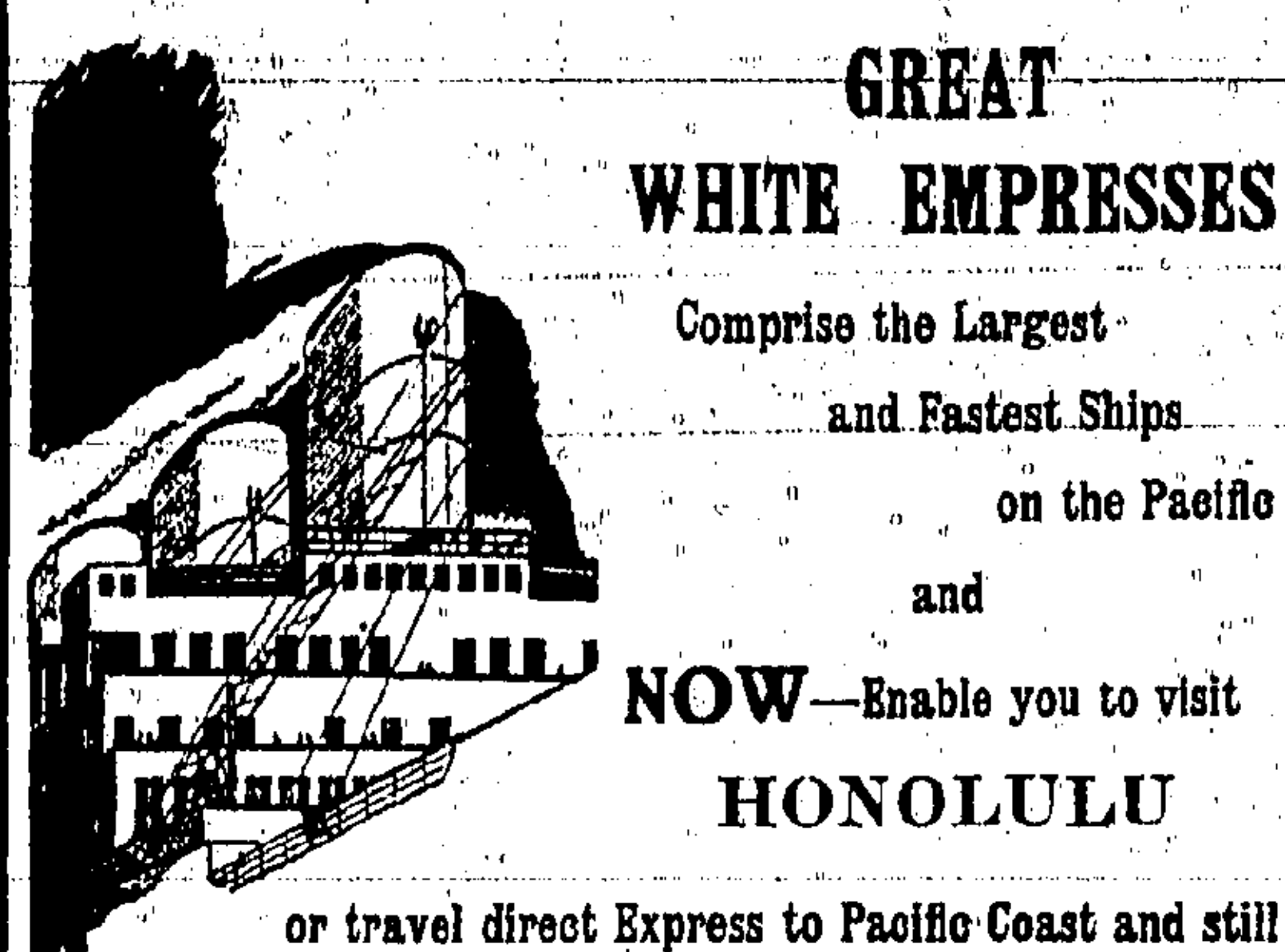
Highest open-air Temperature, 19.75

Lowest open-air Temperature, 20.67

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning;

M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing

Showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.



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Emp. of Japan ... Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 20
Emp. of Asia ... Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 14	Feb. 17	Feb. 20	Feb. 23
Emp. of Canada ... Feb. 20	Feb. 23	Feb. 26	Feb. 29	Mar. 2	Mar. 5	Mar. 8
Emp. of Japan ... Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 27	Mar. 30	Mar. 31
Emp. of Asia ... Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 9	Apr. 12
Emp. of Canada ... Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27
Emp. of Japan ... May 2	May 5	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20
Emp. of Asia ... May 10	May 13	May 16	May 19	May 22	May 25	May 28
Emp. of Canada ... May 20	May 23	May 26	May 29	June 1	June 4	June 7
Emp. of Japan ... June 10	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 22	June 25	June 28
Emp. of Asia ... June 17	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 5

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EMPRESS OF JAPAN ... Dec. 10	Dec. 12

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KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 21st Nov.

ATSUBA MARU ... Saturday, 28th Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOKYO MARU ... Friday, 27th Nov.

NAGATO MARU ... Monday, 30th Nov.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU ... Wednesday, 25th Nov.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU ... Thursday, 10th Dec.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople),

Genoa & Marseilles.

DAKAR MARU ... Sunday, 20th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

RANGOON MARU ... Sunday, 22nd Nov.

BENGAL MARU ... Tuesday, 8th Dec.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 12,205 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO 26,884 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

Cargo for Through

British H.K. Ports.

Corfu, London 705 1,308

Kashgar, Shanghai 36 4,500

Gleniffer, Vladivostok 40 8,000

Hopsang, Tientsin 346 1,752

Kingyuan, Canton 1,047

Kweiyang, Bangkok 1,150 216

Linan, Canton 60

Balikpapan, 75 2,400

Shun Chih, Saigon 1,800

Norwegian Graciosa, P. Wallut 3,030

Japanese Atsuta Maru, Melbourne 514 2,007

Hongkoku Maru, Nagoya 43 1,624

Kwayo Maru, Miki 6,603

Chinese Tak Hing, Autow 3

Total 12,205 26,884

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Kashgar (Br.) Shanghai 5

Gleniffer (Br.) Vladivostok 1

Kingyuan (Br.) Canton 50

Kweiyang (Br.) Bangkok 44

San Chih (Br.) Saigon 90

Borneo (Br.) Balikpapan 7

Tak Hing (Chi.) Autow 50

Total 763

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:

British 10 12

Norwegian 1 3

Japanese 4 3

Chinese 1 1

Dutch 1 2

Danish 0 1

Total 16 21

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:

Basin—Tamar.

North Wall—Seraph, Serapis,

Seppoy, Somme, Herald, Moorhen,

South Wall—Bruce, Marston,

East Wall—Seamew, Tarantula,

North Arm—Kent,

West Wall—Suffolk,

Dock—Stormcloud, Olympus,

Perseus,

Taikoo Dock—Thracian,

Buoy No. 1—Hermes,

Buoy No. 2—Medway and Sub-

marines

Buoy No. 3—Berwick,

Buoy No. 4—Cornwall,

Foreign—U.S.S. Helena and

Mindanao, French gunboat Argus,

Portuguese trispartite Gil Eanes.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:

Wharves—Kowloon: Sirdhana,

Corfu, Jantine Matheson's: Hop-

sang; Douglas Lapraik: Haiyang.

Venezia: Quarry Bay: Nasusan

Maru; Saikong: Wing Lee.

Docks—Kowloon: Yei Maru,

Limchow, Wis. Kung, Yusan,

Hiram, Shi An, Corato, Yuan

Jeng; Taikoo: H.M.S. Thracian,

Tai Lee, Taiyo Maru, Kiangsu,

Kong Hwa.

Buoys—Al Kitanu Maru, A2

Neleus, A3 Honolulu Maru, A4 Pro-

testias, A5 Kashgar, A6 Shunko

Maru, A7 Kwayo Maru, A8 Pien-

sanville, B1 Yatshing, B2 Hui-

chow, B3 Shun Chih, B4 Svala, B5

Hellas, B6 Kiangchow, B7 Kwei-

yang, B8 Kingyuan, B9 Linan,

B23 Santo Maru, B24 Canton Maru,

C1 Doli Maru, C2 Michael Jensen,

C3 Hermod, C4 Halldor, C5 Hal-

vard, C6 Kynviken.

Canada Considers Great New Seaway.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS WITH UNITED STATES ON BIG SCHEME.

Ottawa, Canada.—After many years of study and consideration negotiations have been opened between the Governments of Canada and the United States on which it is hoped an agreement will be reached for development of what is called the St. Lawrence seaway. The project would involve an expenditure estimated all the way from one hundred million to two hundred million pounds and its completion would permit ocean shipping, which now cannot go above Montreal, to proceed to Port Arthur and Port William, at the head of Lake Superior. Channels would be widened and deepened, obstructions removed, and more than two million horsepower of electrical energy developed immediately, with three other millions capable of utilization when the demand for it arose.

The project would bring the sea to the back door of the Prairie Provinces at Fort William and would permit vessels to load grain there for overseas, thus saving transshipping and elevator charges. Thousands of men would have employment for ten years, and cheap and unlimited power would transform the St. Lawrence valley into a great industrial area. There are opponents of the enterprise, however, who fear Canada will lose control over her own water routes and declare the waterway in unnecessary at this time.

ARRIVALS.

November 19.

Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. R. A. Prichard, from

Heilhow, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Shun Tai & Co.

Corfu, British str., 7,760 tons, Capt. E. E. French, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Graciosa, Norwegian str., 1,020 tons, Capt. Markussen, from Port Wallut, West Point Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Honolulu Maru, Japanese str., 3,340 tons, Capt. S. Matsuda, from Moji, buoy No. 88.—O.S.K.

Kweiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Heilhow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Sirdhana, British str., 4,835 tons, Capt. R. C. Brown, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

November 20.

Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. R. Ashby, from Amoy, buoy No. B17.—B. & S.

Glenapp, British str., 5,877 tons, Capt. Martin, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Kashgar, British str., 5,551 tons, Capt. Sudell, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B16.—B. & S.

Kitanu Maru, Japanese str., 4,936 tons, Capt. B. Matsukura, from Nagasaki, buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.

Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Pres. Jefferson, American str., 8,443 tons, Capt. O. Lustie, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

CLEARANCES.

November 20.

Borneo, for Whampoa.

Corfu, for Shanghai.

Emp. of Asia, for Shanghai.

Emp. of Whampoa.

Haiyang, for Swatow.

Hermud, for Canton.

Honolulu Maru, for Singapore.

Kingyuan, for Pakhoi.

Kiangchow, for Swatow.

Huichow, for Ningpo.

Koromiko, for Canton.

Kronviken, for Bangkok.

Kwaiang, for Swatow.

Linan, for Dairen.

Solviken, for Canton.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Sirdhana will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Osaka on or about Sunday, November 22, at 6 a.m.

The H.A.L. m.v. Ramses left Shanghai on Friday, the 20th inst. at 7 a.m., and is due here on Sunday, the 22nd inst.

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"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	5th Dec.	Mars, L'don, R'dm, A'werp & Hull
"CORFU"	18,000	19th Dec.	do
"SOMALI"	8,800	25th Dec.	Mars, L'don, R'dm, A'werp & Hull
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	15th Jan.	Mars, L'don, R'dm, A'werp & Hull
"CHITRAL"	18,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,000	13th Feb.	Mars, L'don, R'dm, A'werp & Hull
"NALDERA"	18,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"SOUDAN"	8,800	5th Mar.	Mars, L'don, R'dm, A'werp & Hull
"CARTRIDGE"	18,000	12th Mar.	Mars, L'don, R'dm, A'werp & Hull
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	28th Mar.	do
"CORFU"	18,000	3rd Apr.	do
"RAWALPINDI"	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	17,000	7th May	do
"CHITRAL"	18,000	21st May	do
"RANCHI"	17,000	4th June	do
"NALDERA"	18,000	18th June	do
"KASHMIR"	9,000	2nd July	do
"RAJPUTANA"	17,000	16th July	do
"MANTUA"	11,000	30th July	do

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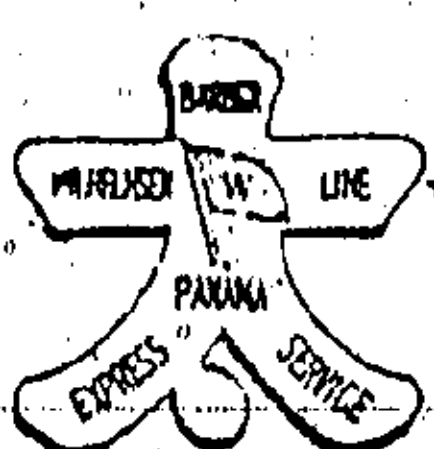
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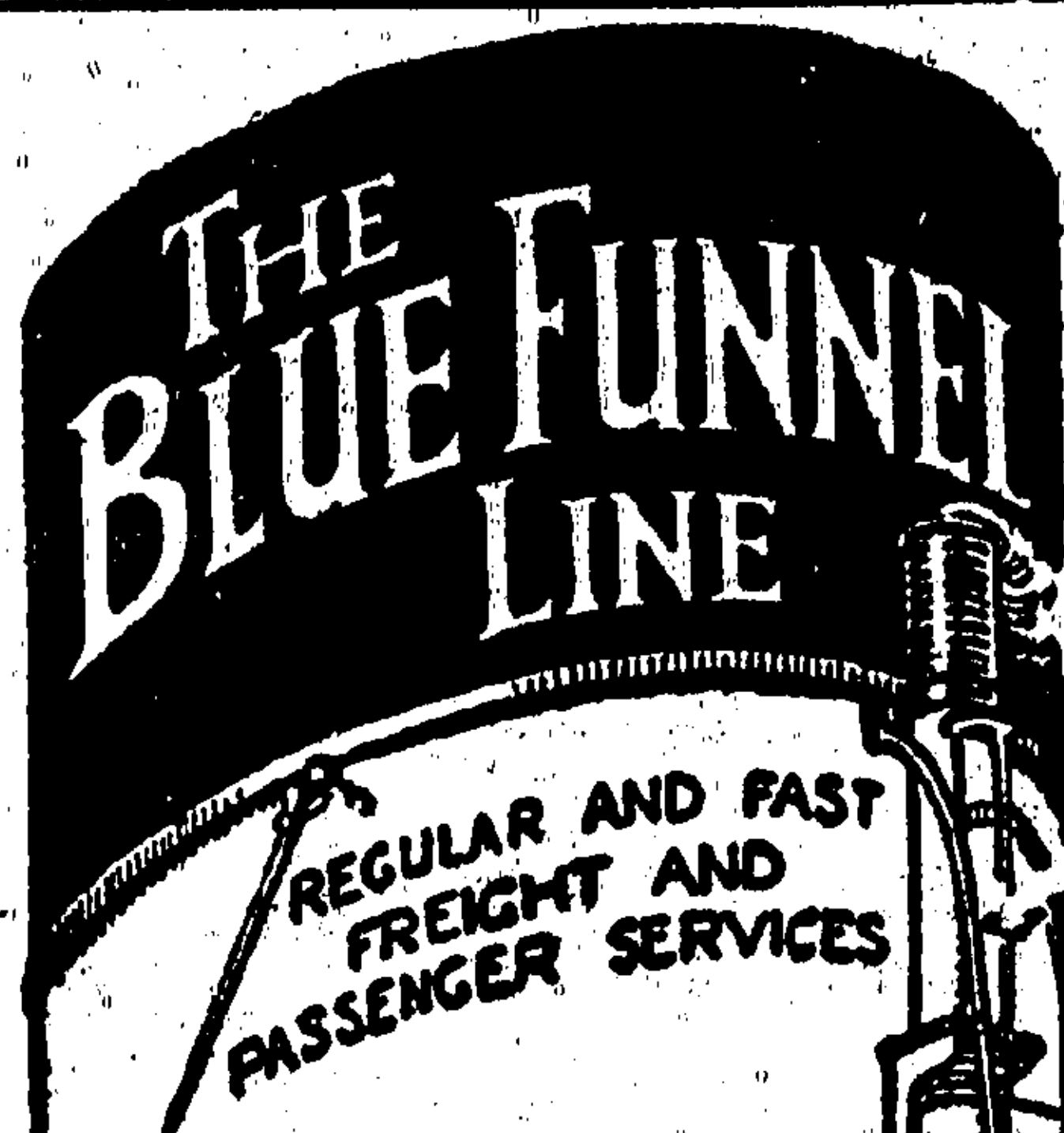
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Credit, 4 months' sight...	1/8
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ON PARIS:—	
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Credit, 4 months' sight 62 1/2	
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/2	
Credit, 60 days' sight 24 1/2	
ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer...	8 1/2
Bank, on demand...	8 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer...	8 1/2
Bank, on demand...	8 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight...	1/8 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	
Bank, on demand...	4 1/2
ON MANILA:—	
On demand...	4 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand...	6 1/2
ON HONGKONG:—	
On demand...	6 1/2
ON HANKOW:—	
On demand...	18 1/2
ON SOERABAYA:—	
On demand...	18 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—	
On demand...	18 1/2
ON HONGKONG:—	
On demand...	18 1/2

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Hong Kong, 18th May, 1931. [28]

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V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th July, 1930. [28]

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A. STOKKINK, Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1931. [30]

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Hong Kong Currency.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL: \$11,000,000.

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Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.

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J. STUART, Manager.

Hong Kong, August 17, 1931. [30]

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TAN ENG HOOI, Manager.

Hong Kong, Sept. 11, 1931. [35]

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Paid-up Capital: £21,800,000.

Reserve Fund and Rest: £1,888,845.

Branches:—

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Hong Kong Branch: 7, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931. [28]

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C. L. SANDES, Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931. [28]

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From: Per: Due:

JAPAN: Ginyo Maru: 21st Nov.

U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI: Asama Maru: 21st Nov.

(San Francisco, 29th October): Yinegara: 21st Nov.

SHANGHAI and AMOY: Pres. Lincoln: 21st